



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
August 10, 2010
Town Hall
Minutes**

Members Present: Co-Chairs P.A.T. Hunt and Richie Surozenski, Barbara Clark, Keith Clark, Carol Galligan and Kathy Gooding

Member Excused: Town Board Liaison Ed Brown, Michael Laspia

Meeting called to order: 9:04 AM

The July 13, 2010 Minutes were accepted as revised by Co-Chair Richie Surozenski and seconded by Carol Galligan.

Old Business:

Grants:

NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:

Co-Chair Hunt received a DVD of the completed grant application from grant writer Tom Lajewski of J. O'Connell and Associates and offered it to Committee members for their review.

Bulkhead/Seawall repair/restoration:

A sixth bid package went to D.J. Whelan Corp. prior to the Thursday, July 15th mandatory pre-bid inspection visit to Taylor's Island. Mark Ketcham and Co-Chair Hunt were on Taylor's Island from 7:30 to 10:00 AM on July 15th and met with George Costello, Burt Waife and Dave Whelan, Bob Brandt of Stout Construction, and Seth Allan of Chesterfield Associates. These four marine contractors subsequently submitted bids which were opened at 3:00 PM on Monday, July 19th. The bids, from highest to lowest, are D.J. Whelan \$94,995; Chesterfield Construction \$91,300; Costello Marine \$90,000; Stout Construction \$77,659.

Co-Chair Hunt and Bridg Hunt went to and photographed four work sites, commercial, municipal and residential, of Stout Construction, one in Mattituck and three in Patchogue which were shown by Bob Brandt's partner, Bill Marquardt. Mark Ketcham spoke with one of the four references submitted with the Stout Construction bid.

The Town Board awarded the lowest bid, submitted by Stout Construction, at the Friday, July 30th Town Board Meeting which was reported on page 18 of the August 5, 2010 *Shelter Island Reporter*.

Financial Business—July 31, 2010:

Co-Chair Hunt reported:

NY Class Account balance is \$80,412.90; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account balance is \$4,400.40.

There is no Taylor's Island line in the General Fund, which was created in December 2005 with a \$2,000 private donation and reported each month as part of the Financial Business. When Co-Chair Hunt listed the \$2,000 as part of the funds to make up the \$77,659 bid, she found out from Town Clerk Dorothy Ogar that the Taylor's Island line with the \$2,000 private donation no longer exists with the explanation that if the Town Board did not forward the \$2,000 from year to year, it would be absorbed into the General Fund. Co-Chair Hunt to follow-up.

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

Committee Members discussed the canoe displaying a routed wooden sign, the newly installed landing box, fire extinguishers, south bedroom window screens, porch deck refinishing, mowing and trimming, floating docks, potential boat donation, plumbing repairs, cellar window, refrigeration, boulders from the old Town Highway site to fill in the gap created by storms where the new bulkheading ends and old sea wall begins in the northeast corner of Taylor's Island, and the removal of the dead "one armed" tree.

Garden Tour:

Carol Galligan will arrange the Landeck seaside garden tour of native plantings for Committee members.

Friday Night Dialogue at the Shelter Island Library:

Co-Chair Hunt reported she spoke with Library Director Denise DiPaolo on Monday, August 9th and they set November 12th as the date for the Taylor's Island presentation. Nancy Baxter, Editor of the Library newsletter, emailed Co-Chair Hunt asking for information which she will respond to.

New Business:

Assemblyman Marc Alessi's Press Release and Shelter Island visit:

Assemblyman Marc Alessi's press release appeared on page 16 of the July 22, 2010 *Shelter Island Reporter*. On Monday, July 26th, Barbara Clark heard the press release broadcast on WLNG.

On Saturday, August 7th Assemblyman Alessi stopped by the Taylor's Island table at the Shelter Island Historical Society's One Day in History and was photographed with Co-Chair Hunt in front of the F.M. Smith quilt by Heather Reylek.

Taylor's Island Foundation News:

Site/Guest Use Rental Agreement/Contract:

Attorney Ed Shillingburg took a look and made many thoughtful comments which Co-Chair Hunt and others will review.

Taylor's Island Overnight Stay Auction Item supporting the Shelter Island Historical Society:

The overnight stay on Taylor's Island happened Monday, August 2nd. On page 34 of the August 5, 2010 *Shelter Island Reporter*, an article entitled, A footnote to 'One Enchanted Evening,' referred to the couple's stay.

Shelter Island Historical Society's One Day in History:

On Saturday, August 7th the Foundation had a table set up with Smith-Taylor Cabin and Taylor's Island information and materials at the One Day in History event at the Havens House.

Update on Website and facebook:

Co-Chair Hunt shared statistics which include: for the month of July the website had 344 visits with 1,329 page views. To date, Taylor's Island has 338 fans on facebook.

Gift of a Watercolor Painting of the Smith Cabin on Cedar Island, circa 1905, by Danielle LiCausi:

Co-Chair Hunt showed Committee members the Smith Cabin watercolor painting by Danielle LiCausi, using the 1905 archival photograph as inspiration. Danielle generously donated her painting to the Taylor's Island Foundation.

Cruising Club of New England:

On Wednesday, August 4th the Cruising Club of New England came ashore from the Town anchorage in Coecles Harbor for a docent tour of the Smith-Taylor Cabin and a barbecue.

Requested Docent Tours:

Co-Chair Hunt received requests for docent tours on Sunday, August 1st from three boats cruising from Westbrook, CT and anchored in the Town anchorage; on Sunday, August 8th from the North Cove Yacht Club of Old Saybrook, CT for about thirty of their members staying in the Town anchorage and on moorings at the Coecles Harbor Marina; and on Monday, August 9th from Shelter Island residents and their visiting relatives.

Kettle Clambake Fundraiser – Town of Shelter Island Era

Co-Chair Hunt and Committee members reviewed and discussed plans for this year's event.

Shelter Island Yacht Club:

Thomas Wren, head instructor at the Shelter Island Yacht Club, contacted the Foundation regarding an overnight at the Smith-Taylor Cabin as part of a sailing trip after the conclusion of the sailing program.

Shelter Island Chamber of Commerce Art Show and Craft Fair:

The Foundation will set up a booth again this year at the Art Show and Craft Fair on Saturday, August 28th.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:23 AM.

The next two meetings are NOT the usual second Tuesday of the month. They are scheduled on: Tuesday, September 21, 2010 and October 26, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair

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