



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
May 10, 2011
Town Hall
Minutes**

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

Members Excused: Barbara Clark

Member Absent: Michael Laspia

Guests: Mary Wilson, Town of Shelter Island Building Permits Coordinator, David Draper, *Shelter Island Reporter*

Meeting called to order: 9:03 a.m.

The April 12, 2011 Minutes were accepted by Co-Chair Surozenski and seconded by Kathy Gooding.

Old Business:

Grant:

NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:

Mary Wilson reported she's been working on the paperwork relative to the permitting process with the DEC and they have reached a point where she is waiting for a call back from Kevin Kispert. The DEC is concerned with the access road once on Taylor's Island, the transporting of materials and work crews. Ms. Wilson is going to meet with Kevin Kispert and discuss the situation in greater detail. She feels the Committee can go ahead with the project and take advantage of the weather. She expects an amicable resolution within a month.

Co-Chair Hunt received the agreement papers from Traci Christian, LI contact for NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, made copies for Kathy Gooding and herself and gave the originals to Judy Meringer. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11th, 10 AM, with Committee members Gooding and Hunt, Supervisor Jim Dougherty and Town Attorney Laury Dowd to review the agreement.

Co-Chair Hunt and Kathy Gooding will meet with Vincent Liot, True Roof, Bridgehampton, regarding repairing the Cabin's roofs.

Bulkhead/Seawall repair/restoration:

Co-Chair Hunt will follow-up with Mark Ketcham about repairs to the bulkhead caps in Areas 3 and 4. Areas 5 and 6, the kayak landing area and the Island entry area, are the last of the DEC Permit needing work. Co-Chair Hunt will arrange a meeting with Mark and Committee and Foundation members to discuss going forward with completing the DEC Permit.

Financial Business—April 30, 2011:

Co-Chair Hunt reported: New York Class Account balance is \$80,500.63; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account is \$6,799.28 reflecting a \$2,000 deposit, as well as interest.

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

Fire extinguishers have been serviced. Porch deck needs sanding and covering with an oil base finish to protect the wood. Co-Chair Surozenski pointed out that because of the press of work at this time of year that the job should be contracted out and paid for. Co-Chair Hunt suggested volunteers who have expressed interest in "hands on" work might be willing to undertake the task. She will follow through.

Members discussed installing the water pump, checking the generator battery, returning the floating docks from winter storage, and buying a new/used lawn mower.

Research:

Carol Galligan reported she is continuing to work on the possible Albert Einstein connection with Mr. Taylor and expects to be able to report to the Committee at the June 14th meeting.

New Business:**Channel 22 broadcast of our Committee meeting:**

The Committee decided on June 14th for Channel 22 to record our Committee meeting.

SI Historical Society's Sundays in the Barn Series:

On Sunday, July 31st, at 2 PM, a slide and film presentation of Taylor's Island will take place in the Havens House Barn along with exhibits of Taylor's Island memorabilia. Co-Chair Hunt invited Committee members to participate.

Newsday:

Co-Chair Hunt met *Newsday* photographer, John Williams, when he was at the Shelter Island Library on Saturday, May 7th and gave him a Taylor's Island brochure. He expects to be back this coming weekend, and she offered to take him to Taylor's Island, if he does return.

Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee:

Co-Chair Hunt phoned Michael Laspia to touch base on whether to include his name with the list of Committee members in the appeals letter which will soon go out. He suggested he should resign from the Committee since he is unable to attend meetings but assured her that he would be available to help with the summer events. She has not received his letter, so the extent of his participation remains unclear. Co-Chair Hunt will clarify.

Taylor's Island Foundation News:**Update on Website and facebook:**

For the month of April our website had 115 visits with 440 page views. To date Taylor's Island has 382 fans on facebook. Kathy Gooding offered to post new information on facebook.

Scout Group:

The Boy Scout Venture Crew #169's kayak trip to and camp out on Taylor's Island, September 9-11, 2011, was approved by a Town Board resolution on April 29, 2011, subject to the provision of a certificate of insurance.

Boston Whaler:

The Whaler will be launched soon by Congdon's Dock and kept pre-season in slip #4 which Keith Clark said needs a pulley system installed to keep the boat from banging the pilings. Committee members will follow-up with the installation.

Appeal Letter and Decal:

The Foundation's first appeal letter, to be mailed to each box holder on Shelter Island, was distributed to Committee members. The proposed decal, designed by Louise O'Regan Clark, with a photograph of the cabin in the center, may reproduce better with a line drawing. Depending on when the decal is produced, it may be sent with appeal thank-you letters to contributors, and be available at Taylor's Island events.

Annual Meeting:

All Directors were present at the rescheduled meeting on May 8th. The Board decided to stay with seven members rather than go back to eight.

Taylor's Island Appreciation Day and Picnic:

The Taylor's Island Appreciation Day and Picnic at Duck Walk Vineyard in Southold has been rescheduled from the 26th of June to the 12th, 1-5 PM, to avoid conflict with other events.

Taylor's Island Tea:

On Friday, June 17, 2011, the Foundation will be hosting its first Taylor's Island Tea for eight people from 1-4 PM.

Kettle Clambake:

On the date of the Kettle Clambake, August 13th, Bill and Dale Clark are having a party. How that might impact rentals of both chairs and tents remains to be seen. Thermal to go bags were suggested. Number of guests, at 100 last year, will be raised to 110 but the setup for 100 will be maintained. Ticket price will remain the same.

Raffle:

This year the three raffle prizes include a sunset cruise for four around Shelter Island, with finger foods and beverages, aboard Keith and Louise Clark's *Pequod*, leasing Buffy, the bufflehead decorative decoy Ed Clark gave the Foundation, for one more year, and two tickets to the 2012 Kettle Clambake.

The next meeting date is scheduled for June 14th with Channel 22 recording.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Galligan

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