



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
June 14, 2011
Town Hall
Minutes**

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

Members Excused: Co-Chair Richie Surozenski

Member Absent: Michael Laspia

Meeting called to order: 9:05 a.m.

Channel 22 recorded this meeting.

The May 10, 2011 Minutes were accepted by Kathy Gooding and seconded by Keith Clark.

Old Business:

Grant:

NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:

At the May 20 meeting of the Town Board a resolution was passed authorizing the Town Supervisor to effectuate the agreement with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The contract, according to Traci Christian, is in Albany pending approval.

At Mary Wilson's request Co-Chair Hunt went to Taylor's Island with Chris Tehan from the Building Department on Friday, June 10 so he could survey the foundation and document for the DEC, that as stated in the grant application, there is no intent to do outside work on the foundation. Mary said once she receives Chris' report she will send it to Kevin Kispert of the DEC.

The meeting scheduled with Vincent Liot was postponed.

Kathy Gooding reported on a Grant Advisory Group that met on Friday, May 20. Councilmen Ed Brown and Peter Reich, Co-Chair Hunt, Town Attorney Laury Dowd, Teresa Montant from the Highway Department, Matt Sherman, Chris Fokine and she were present. The subject was the supervision of the work and facilitation of communication with the Highway Department. A time line was set up for the progress of the work; copies of the minutes of the meeting were submitted for the record.

It is expected it will take six weeks before the contract is returned and then the specifications will be put together and the work will be put out for bid. This should take another four weeks or more; then all that material must go back to the State for

approval. Consequently, 12 weeks may elapse before the work can begin. The goal is to be ready to begin as soon as the contract is returned.

Bulkhead/Seawall repair/restoration:

Last week Mark Ketcham sent a crew out to repair the bulkhead caps in Areas 3 and 4, repair the gap created by a storm between Area 1 and the existing seawall, and place the one piece of seawall that was not removed for historic reasons. Plans for Areas 5 and 6, the last of the DEC Permit, are being formulated.

Financial Business—May 31, 2011:

Co-Chair Hunt reported: New York Class Account balance is \$80,504.38; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account is \$6,799.87.

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

Porch deck project was discussed. A sample was taken for the yearly water analysis, results should be in next week. Plans were made to dig out the small section of invasive Japanese knot weed before it flowers. The floating docks are back in place. The flag halyard is repaired and the flag raised. The lawn mower needs to be repaired or replaced which Co-Chair Surozinski is working on.

Research:

Carol Galligan reported on her research looking to substantiate a Belgian researcher's query for additional information, sent in an email, that Albert Einstein and Mr. Taylor went boating in August, 1934. No mention was found in the archives at the Mattituck Public Library.

New Business:

Shelter Island Public Library:

The Shelter Island Public Library lists the Taylor's Island Tour for Friday, July 22 in its Summer 2011 Newsletter. The group will meet at the library at 10:00 AM and return to the library by 1:00 PM. Co-Chair Hunt invited Committee members to join the group.

SI Historical Society's Sundays in the Barn Series:

The Historical Society's Spring 2011 Newsletter lists the Taylor's Island presentation in the Havens House Barn on Sunday, July 31 at 2:00 PM.

Taylor's Island Foundation News:

Update on Website and facebook:

For the month of May our website had 171 visits with 596 page views. To date Taylor's Island has 389 fans on facebook.

Boston Whaler:

The Whaler is being kept pre-season, until June 30, in slip #4 at Congdon's Dock. Keith Clark and Richie Surozenski installed a pulley system to keep the boat from banging the pilings. The stake/mooring/pulley system at Capt. Bob's Landing will be renewed.

Appeal Letter:

The "stuffing party" on May 22 was reviewed. The Foundation's first appeal letter was mailed to 2,200 post office boxes. So far, 55 responses have been received.

Shelter Island School:

On Friday, June 5 15 Shelter Island School sixth graders and three staff kayaked out to the Island, had a picnic lunch, and took a docent tour of the Cabin.

Shelter Island Reporter:

The June 9 issue had an article about Taylor's Island and the NYSOPR&HP Matching grant, as well as a couple of paragraphs in the Editorial column.

Taylor's Island Appreciation Day and Picnic:

Photographs of the Taylor's Island Appreciation Day and Picnic at Duck Walk Vineyard in Southold on June 12, 1-5 PM, are posted on facebook. Dr. Damianos stopped by and TIF Director Jim Polychron gave a brief history of the vineyard and their wines.

Taylor's Island Tea:

The Taylor's Island Tea for eight is planned for this coming Friday, June 17. Committee members should meet at Congdon's Dock at 1 PM.

Father's Day Paddle with Shelter Island Kayak Tours:

About 11 people are signed up for the Father's Day Paddle, meeting at 4:30 PM at the Burns Road Town Landing.

Kettle Clambake:

The chairs and tent are available for our use on Saturday, August 13. Additional advertising of the event will begin soon.

Raffle Tickets:

Co-Chair Hunt showed Committee members this year's raffle ticket, designed by Louise O'Regan Clark, which includes a photograph taken by Joy Strausser at last year's Kettle Clambake.

The next meeting date is scheduled for July 12.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Galligan

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