



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
February 10, 2009
Minutes**

Members Present: Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair Richie Surozenski, Keith Clark,
Town Liaison: Councilman Ed Brown

Member Absent: Michael Laspia

Meeting opened at 9:08 A.M. with a moment of silence for Fred Dinkel.

The January 13, 2009 Minutes were approved.

Old Business:

Grants:

NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:

Co-Chair Hunt reported she hasn't heard a word.

Future Grant to fund DEC Permit Work:

Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Jean O'Connell who said the DEC hasn't requested applications and asked for the amount needed for the project so she can see what else is available. Co-Chair Hunt sent Jean a copy of the NYS DEC letter stating our project didn't qualify because it focused on the protection of an historic site. This letter also given to Laury Dowd. Co-Chair Hunt emailed Jean the estimated total of the DEC permitted work along with the bulleted information that appeared in the hand delivered letter to Congressman Bishop's Coram Office and in the January 29th *Shelter Island Reporter*. Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Laury Dowd who said she and Town Council members who serve on the Grant Committee, Christine Lewis and Peter Reich, have a conference call with Jean O'Connell scheduled for the week of February 9th.

Financial:

Co-Chair Hunt reported the figures for the accounts for January 31, 2009: NY Class Account is \$80,130.65; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account is \$3,690.35. This amount does not reflect a dividend amount of \$115.62 which was deposited on February 9, 2009, check received from Helen Rosenbloom's office, bringing the total to \$3,805.97. General Fund is \$2,000. Co-Chair Hunt requested the folder containing the residual share materials back from Supervisor Doherty's office so she can pursue the change of name and address.

Update on Website:

Co-Chair Hunt reported a total of 7,476 visitors and read the entry of one new guestbook signer. Photographs and text of the Taylor Era, sent by Constantine Foltis, Jr., are posted on the website and were passed around for Committee members to see. Also a map of Marmara, where Mr. Taylor was born, was received from Peter Nicoletti who traveled there.

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

Co-Chair Surozenski gave an update on the delivery of the new generator and plans for mounting, installing, and landscaping.

Update on Town Landing Designation Request:

At the WMAC meeting on February 2nd Co-Chair Hunt asked about the Town Board's progress with creating official wording for Town Landings and followed with wondering if it's necessary before the WMAC considers recommending Town Board funding of the Taylor's Island project. Councilman Brown said the Town Board hasn't worked on making the Town Landings official on record and agreed the Town Board could go ahead and ask for the WMAC recommendation for funding without Taylor's Island having the designation since the WMAC has taken a role in funding the other Town Landings which do not have an official designation. Councilman Brown suggested that he and Councilman Reich bring this matter up at the next Town Board Work Session, February 3rd, which they did with a follow-up at the Town Board Meeting on Friday, February 6th.

Town Permit Application:

At the January 13th Town Board Work Session the Town Board agreed to pass a resolution at the Town Board Meeting on Friday, January 16th stating that a public hearing be held regarding granting a Town Permit for the proposed DEC permitted work on Taylor's Island. Co-Chair Hunt reported that when she phoned the Town Clerk's Office that Friday to inquire about the next step, the bidding process, she was told by Sharon Jacobs that Councilman Reich pulled the Taylor's Island application because he had some questions. Co-Chair Hunt and Councilman Reich subsequently spoke on the phone and Councilman Reich said he would put Taylor's Island back on the agenda. The Town Board passed the resolution and set a public hearing for February 6th at 4:50 P.M.

Update on "shovel ready" infrastructure projects:

At the January 13th Town Board Work Session Supervisor Dougherty said he, Councilman Waddington and Highway Superintendent Ketcham were going to Congressman Tim Bishop's Coram office on Friday, January 23rd at 11:00 A.M. to present Shelter Island's "shovel ready" infrastructure projects for the economic stimulus package. Supervisor Dougherty asked Co-Chair Hunt not to contact our Federal representatives saying that to do so would present Shelter Island as scattered, and to let the three of them pitch this Taylor's Island project. Co-Chair Hunt did furnish a letter to Congressman Bishop to be hand delivered by Supervisor Dougherty at the meeting (attached). At the Tuesday, February 3rd Town Board Work Session Co-Chair Hunt asked if the estimated \$120,000 to do the Taylor's Island DEC permitted project was part of the \$700,000 Supervisor Dougherty said was to be received from Congressman Bishop and Senator Schumer for Shelter Island. Supervisor Dougherty replied, "No."

Update on WMAC:

Co-Chair Hunt attended the February 2nd WMAC Meeting which had the Taylor's Island Town Permit application on the agenda. The Taylor's Island materials the Committee members received did not include the drawings. Councilman Reich checked with Danielle LiCausi, Clerk to the Committees, who requested the drawings from Town Clerk Dorothy Ogar. The vote was 5-0-1 with the new WMAC Committee member abstaining since he was unfamiliar with Taylor's Island and didn't have enough time to review the materials.

Co-Chair Hunt asked the Committee for their input on providing materials to the WMAC for their next meeting, Monday, March 2nd.

TI Foundation News:**Summer Fundraising Event:**

Committee members discussed the proposed dates and narrowed it down to the second Saturday, August 8th, or the Saturday, September 5th, of Labor Day, tending toward the August date.

Shelter Island Girl Scouts Campout on Taylor's Island:

Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Girl Scout Leader Linda McCarthy who expressed an interest in having the Girl Scouts camp out on Taylor's Island. A date will be set once the other Girl Scout Leaders are consulted. Co-Chair Hunt reiterated to Ms. McCarthy the comments made by Committee members when the Intended Future Uses list was discussed, namely that the campers not be too young and the campout not be a first overnight experience.

Riverhead ROTC:

ROTC Instructor Peter McCarthy plans to return to Taylor's Island with his ROTC students on Saturday, June 6th. They'll enter the water about 9-9:30 A.M. and arrive at Taylor's Island about 11:00 A.M.

Group for the East End:

Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Jennifer Skilbred about their Paddling Guide to the Peconic Water Trail and sent her Taylor's Island brochures.

Saugerties Lighthouse:

Co-Chair Hunt shared materials and information about her night's stay at this lighthouse on the Hudson River.

Quilt honoring Francis Marion Smith:

Co-Chair Hunt told Committee members the hand quilting is just about finished and has the stitches of 24 Shelter Island and East End quilters on it. Ideas for a second quilt honoring S. Gregory Taylor include 30s fabrics reflecting the beginning of his era on Cedar Island and instead of signatures, photographs of people, their ancestors, homes, boats, pets, vehicles, and an additional suggestion, businesses. A grid would be made naming each of the blocks and hang next to the quilt for identifying the photos.

Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons:

Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Father Alex to give him an update on Taylor's Island and the DEC Permit.

Decoy Donation:

Co-Chair Hunt told Committee members that Captain Ed Clark offered a bufflehead hen decoy he's carved to raise money for Taylor's Island with either an auction, raffle, whatever we choose. The Committee discussed auctioning the decoy every year at our Fundraiser for someone to enjoy, return, and make available for someone else's pleasure the next year.

Hands on Volunteer:

Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Joe Hine who expressed an interest in being part of a volunteer group similar to Habitat for Humanity in doing restoration work on the Smith-Taylor Cabin.

New Business:

NYS DEC PEP:

Co-Chair Hunt phoned Laura Stephenson of the NYS DEC Peconic Estuary Program to tell her of the DEC Permit and to ask if Taylor's Island is still #4 on her list of Potential Projects for PEP Funding which reads "Taylor's Island Living Shoreline Initiative/Living Shoreline Outreach \$80,000. Ms. Stephenson said a meeting is being planned for Shelter Island in late March, early April regarding projects which haven't been updated since the last meeting in 2000. Co-Chair Hunt will receive an email regarding the meeting, most likely to be held at Town Hall, so she can give an update on Taylor's Island.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair

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