



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND  
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NEW YORK**

**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee  
October 11, 2011  
Town Hall  
Minutes**

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

**Members Excused:** Barbara Clark and Keith Clark

**Member Absent:** Michael Laspia

**Guest:** Town Clerk Dorothy Ogar

**Meeting called to order:** 9:08 AM

A motion to accept the amended minutes of September 13, 2011 was made by Kathy Gooding and seconded by Co-Chair Richie Surozenski. The minutes were accepted.

**Old Business:**

**Grant:**

**NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:**

Kathy Gooding reported a total of 16 emails were sent to WMBEs and East End architects. Visits were made to the Cabin by Ian McDonald, Joel Snodgrass, Anne Surchin and Bob Bettner, and Andre Tchelistcheff and Quincy Hammond. Their four proposals are expected at the Town Clerk's Office by today's deadline at 2 PM. Interviews at the Town Hall Meeting Room are set for Wednesday, October 12 beginning at 10 AM. Representatives from the Town, this Committee and the Taylor's Island Foundation will be present.

**Bulkhead/Seawall repair/restoration:**

Areas 5 and 6 of the DEC permit are in process.

**Financial Business—September 30, 2011:**

Co-Chair Hunt reported: New York Class Account balance is \$80,510.97 which includes interest of \$0.30; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account is \$7,044.40 which includes interest of \$0.28.

**2012 Budget:**

Committee members will meet today at 1:30 PM with the Town Board regarding our 2012 budget. As reported last month, at the September 8 meeting with Kathy Gooding and P.A.T. Hunt, the Supervisor recommended cutting two budget items: Equipment from \$3,500 in 2011 to \$1,000 for 2012 and Office Supplies and Miscellaneous from \$3,500 in 2011 to \$2,000 for 2012.

Committee members discussed the acquisition of a lawnmower as presented by Co-Chair Surozenski. In addition, a purchase order has been completed for one floating dock, priced at \$4,900 by Costello Marine, to be paid out of the \$5,500 available in the 2011 budget. A second floating dock will be ordered from the funds available in the 2012 budget.

Liaison Ed Brown invited Town Clerk Dorothy Ogar to join us. Mrs. Ogar attended briefly and answered Kathy Gooding's questions: what is the actual dollar amount that requires bids and the answer given was \$5,000; can we carry monies over from one year's budget to the next and the answer given was that's not possible. However, the \$600 remaining after the purchase of the floating dock could be applied this year to the acquisition of the lawnmower. Liaison Ed Brown advised that a resolution from the Town Board would be needed to move the \$600 left over from the Dock Repair budget line to the Equipment line. Kathy Gooding also asked if the \$9,500 available for Cabin Repairs and Restoration could be allocated for Design Services. The answer was in the affirmative. Kathy Gooding asked what code the monies coming in from the grant would go into and when the Foundation puts money into the grant, whether a separate code would be required. Mrs. Ogar replied that a separate code would not be required.

When our Committee meets with the Town Board for the 2012 budget we are requesting to keep the Cabin Repairs line at \$9,500 and the Dock Repairs at \$5,500. We will inform the Board that we keep our own Committee minutes; we are administering the NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP grant ourselves allowing the money received to be put into the Cabin restoration rather than consultant fees; in past years we've seen a significant amount of our Committee's budget monies returned to the general fund while we were awaiting permits and a successful grant application. We are now in a position to use the budgeted money and we do not want to see it reduced again, this time by \$3,000. In addition, our budget, currently at \$26,500, goes toward increasing the value and equity of an incredible and historic Town asset.

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

Committee members discussed the porch deck refinishing and evidence of termites in a section of the Cabin. Co-Chair Surozenski to check with an exterminator about the use of termite traps.

**New Business:**

**Ron Sauer:**

Co-Chair Hunt shared the August 25, 2011 East Hampton Star obituary of Ron Sauer who rented Taylor's Island in the 1980s and 90s.

**Taylor's Island Foundation News:**

**Update on Website and facebook:**

For the month of September our website had 169 visits with 572 page views. To date Taylor's Island has 396 fans on facebook.

**Boston Whaler:**

The boat is back at the Congdon Road Town Dock with an off-season sticker until June 30, 2012.

**Appeal Letter:**

A couple additional donations received, one from a woman who met Mr. Taylor when she was a teenager and whose father and uncle knew Mr. Taylor.

**Wedding Rehearsal Barbecue:**

On Friday, September 30 a Shelter Island couple had their wedding rehearsal barbecue on Taylor's Island attended by about 30 family members and friends. Their visit included a docent tour.

**Kettle Clambake:**

Co-Chair Surozenski raised the question, first discussed at the last meeting, of buying some tables and chairs for this event. Turning racks are needed as well which he can find at no cost. Co-Chair Hunt will get additional information.

**Shinnecock Yacht Club:**

A member of the Shinnecock Yacht Club phoned with an interest in five or six families staying on the Island next summer.

**Shelter Island Cub Scout Campout:**

A group of 15 adults and 15 nine and ten year old boys is tentatively scheduled to campout on Taylor's Island Saturday, October 29. Dan Binder is organizing the overnight and has written a letter to the Town Board.

**Lease Agreement Extension:**

On Tuesday, October 4 Barbara Clark and P.A.T. Hunt attended the Town Board Work Session as a follow-up to the Foundation's letter of September 27, 2011 requesting a five year extension to the 25 year lease agreement with the Town, as per the agreement. Currently, the lease expires on September 30, 2032. With a five year extension the lease agreement will expire on September 30, 2037. P.A.T. Hunt will attend the Friday, October 21 Town Board Meeting where a resolution will be passed, per the Work Session.

**The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15 because Election Day is November 8.**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:23 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Galligan

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