



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND  
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee  
January 17, 2006  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Co-Chair Pat Hunt, Co-Chair Richie Surozenski, Michael Laspia, Supervisor Alfred Kilb

**Others Present:** Danielle LiCausi, Clerk, Bridgford Hunt, Barbara Clark, Keith Clark, Roni King

Co-Chairman Hunt suggested we open the meeting with a moment of silence to reflect on this generous gift from Mr. Taylor with gratitude.

The January 5, 2006 Minutes were approved as corrected.

**Next Meeting Date: January 31, 2006**

**Decide on Scheduled Meeting Dates 2006:**

The Committee chose to meet every other Tuesday at 9:00AM in Town Hall until further notice. The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2006:

January 31, February 14, February 28, March 14, March 28, April 11, April 25

It was further decided that as the weather warms up and according to the tides, the committee may meet at Taylor's Island as necessary.

**Old Business:**

**Discussion Regarding the Size of the Committee and the Need for New Members:**

Co-Chairman Hunt read three letters submitted by applicants: Keith Clark, Roni King, and Barbara Clark, applying for membership on the Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee. The Committee concurred that Mr. Keith Clark, Ms. Roni King, and Ms. Barbara Clark should be considered as members. Co-Chairman Surozenski motioned to recommend these applicants to the Town Board to be appointed to the Committee, Supervisor Kilb second. All in favor. Supervisor Kilb stated that he would put this on the Town Board Work Session Agenda for today.

**Review of Work to be done:**

The Committee discussed the need for a survey; and member Laspia stated that he believes he has one. The Committee concurred that the first priority is to have an expert assess the condition and determine what is needed to stabilize the building. Supervisor Kilb stated that he wants to establish easy access to the building prior to bringing anyone out. The Committee decided to meet at 9:00 AM, Saturday, January 21, 2006, at the Highway Barn with ladders and other necessary equipment to go out to Taylor's Island to assess and take an inventory and photographs.

Mr. Keith Clark reported that a telephone pole is toppled, on Taylor's Island, with a, possibly hot, power line lying on the ground. Member Laspia stated that he will contact LIPA immediately to repair and replace the pole.

**Discussion on How to Proceed:**

Supervisor Kilb suggested that the Committee needs to gather information from the Town Clerk to establish a clear picture of what funds are available to date, as well as, a Deed and Will. Co-Chairman Hunt volunteered to gather this information and any other historical information she can find to be presented and discussed at the next meeting. Member Laspia volunteered to contact Ronnie Sauer, who rented the house on Taylor's Island for ten or more years, in an effort to gather any helpful information. Co-Chairman Surozenski committed to contacting Mr. Johnson and Mr. Bowditch, Sr., also in an effort to garner historical information.

**New Business:**

**Establishing a Taylor's Island WEB site:**

Co-Chairman Hunt reported to the Committee that she had established a future WEB site name as Taylorsisland.org. Mr. Hunt suggested that an old photo produced by the Historical Society be posted on the site rather than having a blank page at this time. The Committee gave their approval to proceed.

**Determining the Taylor's Island Mission Statement:**

Co-Chairman Hunt presented the Committee with a copy of the Rose Island Lighthouse Management Plan, which she felt could be utilized as a guideline for creating a Mission Statement for the Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee. Member Laspia stated that he will draft a Mission Statement to be presented at the next meeting for review and possible revision.

**National Register of Historic Places:**

Co-Chairman Hunt stated that she had received a packet of information from the National Register of Historic Places. She further reported that there are monies available, often matching grants, and the deadline to apply is in June. She informed the Committee that Camp Quinipet had recently had some of their buildings registered; and she planned to meet with the director to discuss the pros and cons.

**Alternative Energy:**

Co-Chairman Hunt opined that she would like the Committee to consider alternative energy to be used on Taylor's Island; and therefore, would like to contact Mr. Herb Stelljes to see what ideas he may have. Member Laspia suggested that Ms. Hunt contact Cindy Belt, at Mashomack, as she is very knowledgeable on this topic.

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 AM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Danielle LiCausi  
Clerk to the Committees**