



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
January 31, 2006
Minutes**

Members Present: Co-Chair Pat Hunt, Co-Chair Richie Surozenski, Michael Laspia, Roni King

Members Absent: Supervisor Alfred Kilb, Barbara Clark, Keith Clark

Others Present: Danielle LiCausi, Clerk

Open Meeting at 9:12 AM

The January 17, 2006 Minutes were approved as corrected.

Next Meeting Date: February 14, 2006

Old Business:

Discussion of Outcome of Assessment Visit to Taylor's Island (1-21-06) by Barbara Clark, Keith Clark, Bridg Hunt, P.A.T. Hunt, Alfred Kilb, Roni King, Peder Larsen, and Richie Surozenski:

Bulkhead: Co-Chair Surozenski reported that Mr. Larsen had suggested cement push blocks, covered by rocks, against the existing bulkheads for a naturalizing effect. Mr. Laspia suggested rip-rap with sand and beach grass plantings for shoreline softening. Co-Chair Surozenski will contact professional dock/bulkhead builders for assessment and price quotes, the outcome to be reported at the next meeting.

Grounds: Co-Chair Surozenski reported that LIPA did come out and cut the wires, but the pole had not yet been replaced. Mr. Laspia will follow up with LIPA on the replacement of the pole. Co-Chair Surozenski said that he would look into obtaining a boat, to be left on the beach, so that the Committee would not have to depend on the tide. Ms. King suggested that the Committee make a trip to the Island to clear away brush from the building envelope, and temporarily replant the shrubbery. Ms. King will recruit volunteers from the gardening business to help.

Chimney: Committee feels they need to consult a professional for assessment and a price quote to re-point the chimney.

Windows: Co-Chairman Surozenski suggested the broken windows covered with plywood be removed, and plexi-glass used to secure the openings.

Cellar Door: Co-Chairman Surozenski reported that the cellar door would be rebuilt with wood by Supervisor Kilb.

Roof: Will be considered last since it was re-shingled a few years ago.

Initial Cleanup: The Committee chose to meet at the Highway Barn or Congdon's dock, to be determined, at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 11, 2006, to go out to clean up prior to commencing with the work to be done. The debris will be piled up so that a Town truck can remove it. Whatever needs to be saved will be put in the basement, which was found to be clean and dry. Ms. King said she would contact the nursery volunteers and see if they would be able to come out that same day. Co-Chair Hunt said she would contact Mr. Fokine, an engineer, to see if he could make that date also, as he has expressed interest in volunteering his time with drawings.

Discussion of Financial Findings:

Ms. King presented the Committee with an Application for 501C3, IRS Form 1023, to apply for Recognition of Redemption, which would allow the community to make tax deductible contributions to the Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee. Ms. King stated that the Town Attorney, Laury Dowd, had listed the pros and cons of applying for this status, and felt the only real drawback is the timeframe. The Committee reviewed and discussed the requirements of the application and how to proceed. Ms. King stated that she would explore the need for legal representation.

Co-Chairman Hunt reported that Mr. Taylor had left the Town a stock portfolio, which had been sold by the Town, with the funds being put into a Class Account with a balance, as of 12/31/05, of \$66,657.32. There is also a Money Market Account with a balance, as of 12/31/05, of \$7,340.86 accrued from partial stock dividends, which had not been sold. There is also a Revenue Account for gifts and donations with a balance of \$2,000.

Discussion of Historical Findings:

Mr. Laspia reported that he had contacted Andy Arkin, who lived on Taylor's Island or approximately 22 years, and confirmed that the gravesite is, indeed, below the stone marker. Mr. Laspia stated that he was unable to contact Mr. Sauers; but would be contacting Mr. Rod Anderson, who worked for Mr. Sauers as a caretaker for the property for many years. Mr. Laspia committed to procuring a copy of the survey for the next meeting and also agreed to bring the files he has on Taylor's Island for the committee's review.

Co-Chairman Hunt reported that she was able to find the Will, the Deed, Tax Maps, and old photographs taken by Andy Arkin, as well as, his written reminiscences of Taylor's Island. Co-Chair Hunt will contact Andy Arkin for his permission to post this material on the website.

Review and Revise Taylor's Island Mission Statement:

Co-Chairman Hunt read the Rose Island Mission Statement to the Committee; and Mr. Laspia consigned to research other mission statements, in an effort to prepare a draft to propose at the next meeting.

Update on National Register of Historic Places:

Co-Chairman Hunt conveyed her conversation with Greg Nissen, the Director of Camp Quinipet, to the Committee, stating that Mr. Nissen portrayed his experience with the National Register of Historic Places as positive and productive; and he would be very happy to share his experiences with the Committee. Co-Chairman Hunt stated she has invited him to speak at the next meeting at 9:30 AM.

New Business:

Launch of Taylor's Island Website:

Co-Chairman Hunt reported that the Website is up and operating. She brought her laptop to the meeting so the Committee could see the opening page with the painting of Cedar Island/Taylor's Island, as well as historical photographs, and the virtual tour of the grounds and building.

Americorps:

Mr. Laspia reported that Americorps will be visiting Mashomack in April and may possibly be able to help out at Taylor's Island, as well.

Vision for Taylor's Island:

A list of potential uses offered by members of the community is being compiled. In addition, the committee intends to explore the use of alternative energy and review the landscaping plan, drawn at the request of Mashomack Preserve, at our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

**Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees**