



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
February 14, 2006
Minutes**

Members Present: Co-Chair Pat Hunt, Barbara Clark, Michael Laspia, Roni King, Keith Clark

Members Absent: Supervisor Alfred Kilb, Co-Chair Richie Surozenski

Others Present: Danielle LiCausi, Clerk, Jay Damuck

Open Meeting at 9:00 AM

Co-Chair Hunt asked for a moment to reflect on love, and especially Mr. Taylor's love of the island. She shared "gratitude and love are links to everything".

The January 31, 2006 Minutes were approved as corrected.

Next Meeting Date: February 28, 2006 The Committee chose to postpone the March 14 meeting until March 21, 2006.

Old Business:

Discussion of Outcome of Cleanup Visit to Taylor's Island:

The cleanup visit was cancelled due to inclement weather and rescheduled for February 25, 2006, weather pending. The time will be determined by the tide. Mr. Clark suggested that the Committee keep a tide chart book on hand for future meetings.

Mr. Clark will check on the possibility of burning brush on Taylor's Island and procuring a permit prior to the next visit.

Co-Chair Hunt stated that we have photographs as part of an initial assessment; and that John Fokine volunteered to make drawings of the house exactly as it is.

Mr. Laspia reported that if LIPA determines the pole is theirs, they will be replacing the pole in the future when the weather clears, as this is not an electrical emergency.

Follow-up on Bulkhead Assessment and Price Quotes:

Mr. Laspia suggested that the Committee needs to focus on what they envision the bulkhead to look like, prior to making decisions on how to proceed. He also reported that Costello had suggested a Gabion system be used.

Taylor's Island Website:

Co-Chair Hunt welcomed Jay Damuck of Shelter Island Kayacks to the meeting; and informed the Committee that she invited him to link his site to Taylor's Island site, as she plans to link Taylor's Island to Shelter Island Kayacks. The Taylor's Island site is already linked to the Town of Shelter Island and the Historical Society.

As part of her presentation to the Town Board on the progress of the Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee, Pat announced the Website which to date has 153 hits with 5 signatures in the guest book, which she has personally responded to.

Update on the Application Process for 501C3:

Ms. King reported that she had met with several attorneys, concluding that the applicable attorney fees range from \$1500 - \$2500. She will be meeting with Mr. Shillingburg, Esq. to interview him and ask for his possible commitment to helping Taylor's Island.

Discuss Additional Historical Findings:

Mr. Laspia stated that he has requested copies of the survey for the Committee.

He also reported that he contacted Rod Anderson, who is a wealth of historical information, and confirmed that the Sauer's had never made any major changes to the house. Mr. Laspia also stated that he now has a telephone number for the Sauers in case anyone would like to contact them. Co-Chair Hunt asked if anyone felt there was a need to contact Sauer and no one felt it was necessary, but perhaps it will be in the future if we need information in compiling a timeline for Taylor's Island.

Co-Chair Hunt reported that she had contacted Andy Arkin who gave his permission to use his words and photos on the Website.

National Register of Historic Places Guest Speaker Mr. Nissen:

Co-Chair Hunt will invite Mr. Nissen to speak at the next meeting, as he did not arrive as scheduled.

Review and Revise Taylor's Island Mission Statement:

The Committee discussed the possible usages of the property and the wordings of a Mission Statement. Mr. Laspia opined that the Mission Statement should incorporate some of the language from Mr. Taylor's Will. Co-Chair Hunt shared the list of possible uses she has been compiling from conversations with Shelter Islanders, including: a meeting site for the Bay men, overnight stay facility, retreat for Sea scouts and other Scouts, Kayaking talks, slide shows, and a meeting site for various Associations. She will continue to add to this list; and encouraged the other members to do the same.

New Business:

Co-Chair Hunt – Update on Petty Cash Fund:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that the Town Board will establish a petty cash fund, in the sum of \$50, for the Taylor’s Island Preservation and Management Committee at the Town Board meeting on February 17, 2006. She also reported that the clerk’s salary will not be taken out of the Taylor’s Island funds, but rather from the Town’s General Fund.

Review and Discuss Landscaping Proposal:

Mr. Laspia presented the Committee with the Landscaping Proposal, dated February 18, 2000, drafted by Betsy Perrier for review, reminding them that it was designed with a smaller structure in mind. Mr. Laspia opined that the island needs as many roots as possible to hold the soil.

Ms. King reported that Mr. Richard Clark intends to help the Committee decide what plantings should be salvaged and replanted.

Vision for Taylor’s Island:

The Committee discussed and agreed that the Vision must be a living plan that has the possibility of changing and growing.

Presentation to the Town Board:

Co-Chair Hunt stated that she had reported to the Town Board that the building on Taylor’s Island is secure. She stated that Councilwoman Lewis suggested that the Committee set up a meeting with Caroline Carrey of the New York State Office of Parks and Recreation, as she will be visiting Shelter Island in the near future.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 AM

Respectfully submitted,

**Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees**