Taylor’s Island Preservation and Management Committee
February 28, 2006
Minutes

Members Present: Co-Chair Pat Hunt, Co-Chair Richie Surozenski, Barbara Clark, Michael Laspia, Roni King, Supervisor Alfred Kilb

Members Absent: Keith Clark

Others Present: Danielle LiCausi, Clerk, Greg Nissen

Open Meeting at 9:00 AM

The February 14, 2006 Minutes were approved as corrected.

Next Meeting Date: March 7, 2006. The Committee chose to meet on March 7, rather than March 21, 2006.

Correspondence: Co-Chair Hunt shared a letter from Chris Herman which included suggested uses of Taylor’s Island.

Old Business:

Discussion of Outcome of Cleanup Visit to Taylor’s Island:
Co-Chair Hunt, Co-Chair Surozenski, Keith Clark, and John Fokine went to Taylor’s Island on February 25 from 12:30 – 4:30 to accomplish various cleanup tasks. The Committee decided that Ms. King will be the official record keeper of time spent at Taylor’s Island.

Co-Chair Surozenski reported that the Town has agreed to loan the Committee a Town truck, for their use, in the cleanup process at Taylor’s Island.

Co-Chair Hunt reported that a burn permit had not been procured as the conditions were not favorable for burning. Supervisor Kilb suggested the Committee request a burn barrel from the Supervisor of Highways, and Co-Chair Surozenski will be looking into acquiring fire extinguishers and Indian Cans that can be filled with water.

The next cleanup visit is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at 9:00 AM, with members meeting at the Highway Barn between 8:30 – 9:00 AM.
Discuss Additional Historical Findings:

While cleaning the kitchen Co-Chair Hunt found a brass dog tax dated 1912 which the Committee agreed will be given to Louise Green of the Historical Society.

Mr. Lasplia reported that the surveyor had mapped out the property line boundaries, but had not completed a survey. The Committee agreed that a survey is indeed necessary, and will request written estimates from area surveyors.

Update on the Application Process for 501C3:

Ms. King reported that both she and Ms. Hunt met with Ed Shillingburg, Esq. who has offered his services, pro bono, to assist with the application process. Mr. Shillingburg compiled a list of filing fees totally approximately $650, of which he agreed to lay out the initial $145, and be reimbursed. The Committee reviewed and discussed a draft of Statement of Purpose prepared by Mr. Shillingburg.

The Committee raised questions regarding the application fee structure for fundraising below or in excess of $10,000. The Committee agreed that annual gross receipts would most likely exceed $10,000 and would file accordingly.

Ms. King reported that a minimum of three directors are needed for the foundation; and the Committee chose Ms. King, Ms. Hunt, and Ms. Clark, as well as a Town Board member, to be chosen at a later date.

 Supervisor Kilb stated that the Committee will need to make a presentation to the Town Board prior to proceeding with this process; and suggested they contact him when ready to present at a Town Board work session for review and discussion, followed with the drafting of a resolution to be voted on at a later date.

National Register of Historic Places Guest Speaker Mr. Nissen:

Mr. Nissen, Director of Camp Quinipet, was on hand to acquaint the Committee with the process of applying for National Register of Historic Places status, and answer any questions they may have. He explained the differences between Landmarking which is restrictive and Historic Registry, and informed the Committee that the EPF Grant becomes available in March with a deadline of May. He suggested the Committee contact Ms. Virginia Bartos of NY State Department of Parks and Recreation.

Supervisor Kilb opined that the scope of work is too vague to submit an application at present; and that a detailed survey of the structure and the work to be done needs to be completed first.

Taylor’s Island Website:
Co-Chair Hunt reported she has not yet linked to the Shelter Island Kayaks site, but plans to do so soon. She further reported that the Taylor’s Island site has had 209 hits, with 5 signatures.
Financial Business:
Co-Chair Hunt reported she left a message for Helen Rosenblum regarding the residual shares that had not been sold by the Town; and will follow up with the Town bookkeeper in an effort to clean up the loose ends of this financial area.

Review and Revise Taylor’s Island Mission Statement:
Ms. King distributed a Mission Statement she drafted, comprising ideas from both Rose Island and Eagle Island, for the Committee to review, discuss and revise at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:23 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees