



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

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

Others Present: Danielle LiCausi, Clerk; Larry Tuthill

Open Meeting at 9:13 AM

The September 19, 2006 Minutes were approved as revised.

Next Meeting Date: November 14, 2006

Old Business:

National Register of Historic Places Application:

Co-Chair Hunt reviewed the circumstances regarding the application being pulled by Virginia Bartos from the October deadline due to a discrepancy which she felt might cause the application to be rejected. Co-Chair Hunt reported she contacted Zach Studenroth, an Architectural Preservation Consultant, and he submitted a letter of interest with a price quote for a fee of \$4,500 which would include the site visit, research, and client contact, totaling 56 hours. She further reported that this amount has been included in the budget request to the Town Board. Co-Chair Surozenski motioned to approve the hiring of Mr. Roth, seconded by Ms. King. All in favor.

Bulkhead Update:

Mr. Tuthill presented his review of the bulkhead inspection at Taylor's Island on 9/20/06. He stated that there are pilings and stringers that are still in good shape and that the concrete slabs, which are still good, could be lifted and reinforced with abutments. He returned to Taylor's Island the following day to mark the different types of grass on the survey. He further suggested that one goal of this Committee should be to request that our senators and assemblymen push for grants to preserve Taylor's Island. Mr. Tuthill stated that he will revisit Taylor's Island to continue to review and map the wetlands, and decide if any corrections are warranted on the survey. The Committee reviewed and discussed the benefits of repairing the concrete bulkhead versus replacing with wood/vinyl. Ms. King voiced her concern that the Peconic Estuary Program's priority is shoreline softening which would not serve the preservation of the structure and Mr. Taylor's gravesite. Mr. Laspia stated that TNC has always promoted the bulkheading of Taylor's Island so that the upland fill does not silt into Coecles Harbor. The Committee agreed to continue moving forward with Mr. Tuthill.

Financial Business Update:

Co-Chair Hunt reported on the August 31, 2006 figures in the following accounts: Class Account: \$73,654.02; Investors Choice Account: \$2,737.07; and the General Fund: \$2,000.

Taylor's Island Website:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that there have been 2,002 visitors to date.

LIPA:

Supervisor Kilb reported that the electrician states that all is in place and we are just waiting on LIPA to hook up.

Community Service:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that Highway Superintendent Mark Ketcham agreed to notify the Committee prior to anyone commencing work on Taylor's Island in the future.

Update of Work to be Done at Taylor's Island:

The Committee agreed that the Department of Public Works will handle the winterization of Taylor's Island by November 15th, and Co-Chair Hunt agreed to notify Anderson Plumbing of this decision. Mr. Clark volunteered to tow the floating dock and ramp to the Town Landing.

New Business:**TNC and Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee Visit to Taylor's Island:**

Mr. Laspia reported on the 1 hour and 45 minute excursion to Taylor's Island on October 14, 2006, stating that approximately 15 people, several of whom could not make the August 15th Open House, went by land, needing to wade through a section of the bar that was covered with water. Historical photos and text were on display and several people enjoyed sharing stories and their personal history of Taylor's Island. Mr. Laspia also stated that photos were taken and would be shared with the Committee. Co-Chair Hunt added that in the spirit of Mr. Taylor's hospitality, sliced apples were served on the porch; and Yioula Van Rynbach shared a most informative history and translation of the Greek writing on Mr. Taylor's gravestone.

Correspondence:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that she followed up on Edie Gladstone's recommendation to contact Mr. Tom Fallon, an interior designer, who will be in touch when he returns to Shelter Island next April.

Co-Chair Hunt reported that she informed Ms. Jean O'Connell that the Committee's first priority is to fortify the island by repairing and/or replacing the bulkhead and wetland habitat and thus declined the offer to apply for Trail Enhancement monies at this time, being advised that they will be available again in two years. The Bond Act application for a Water Quality Improvement Project, which Anne Sisk of J. O'Connell & Associates and Laura Stephenson of the PEP/NYSDEC have been working on, has a deadline of October 20th.

Co-Chair Hunt reported that Councilwoman Lewis requested photos of Taylor's Island for use by Ms. Vivian Gershon to create an ornament, which the Committee agreed to

comply. Supervisor Kilb suggested that the Committee could offer to help sell the ornaments for a portion of the sales.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:38 AM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees**