



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
June 10, 2008
Minutes**

Members Present: Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair Richie Surozenski, Barbara Clark, Keith Clark, Roni King, Town Liaisons: Councilman Waddington, Councilman Brown
Members Excused: Mike Laspia

Opened meeting at 9:00 AM

The May 13, 2008 Minutes were approved as revised.

Old Business:

Grants:

NYSOPR&HP

Co-Chair Hunt recapped the list of required and helpful documents that are necessary to complete the application by June 30, 2008. Committee members received petitions to circulate and information for writing letters of support.

Preserve New York Grant/Historic Structure Report

Engineer John Fokine prepared a detailed description with cost estimates for the repair and restoration of the Smith-Taylor Cabin. His work was shared with members of the Committee and Foundation and some revisions were made.

Financial:

Co-Chair Hunt reported the figures for the accounts for May 2008: NY Class Account is \$79,442.62; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account is \$3,353.77; General Fund is \$2,000.

Update on Website:

Co-Chair Hunt reported there have been 5,601 visitors.

Update on Work Accomplished at Taylor's Island and Future Plans:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that when Keith Clark turned on the water to the cabin, the male plug on the drain pipe in the crawl space was missing. She further reported that she and Bridg Hunt moved a few pieces of furniture to the cabin, and he put new washers in the bathroom faucets, the outside faucet and put a male plug on the drain pipe.

Keith Clark reported that he and Louise Clark brought the floating docks back from their winter anchorage and attached them to the fixed dock. He recommended replacing the 8" lags with nuts, bolts and washers for ease of use and strength.

Co-Chair Hunt reminded the Committee that the porch deck needs to be sanded and refinished. The Committee discussed this necessary yearly project.

Update on DEC Application:

Co-Chair Hunt's April 14th email was faxed on May 13th to Chuck Hamilton's office per Irene's request. No response received.

Co-Chair Hunt reported that she was invited by Councilman Brown to attend the Waterways Management Advisory Committee meeting held on July 2, 2008, where she familiarized the WMAC with the needs of Taylor's Island, the pending DEC permit application to stabilize Taylor's Island by repairing and restoring the cement retaining walls and wooden bulkhead, as well as creating a kayak landing area for people on the Coecles Harbor Marine Water Trail and others. She further reported requesting a place to keep a 13 foot Whaler so she and visitors can get to Taylor's Island. A stake and pulley mooring at Captain Bob's landing was offered and will be available soon.

In a subsequent telephone call with WMAC Chairman Needham Co-Chair Hunt said he requested copies of the DEC permit application for review and mentioned the WMAC supports water quality issues and town landings. Co-Chair Hunt will give Chairman Needham a copy of the October 2006 Taylor's Island Aquatic Restoration Project application along with the DEC permit application.

The Committee discussed Taylor's Island being designated a Town Landing. The Sunday of Memorial Day weekend approximately fifty people landed at Taylor's Island by kayak, inflatable dinghy or shallow draft boat. A noteworthy difference with Taylor's Island as a Town Landing and the Town Landings established by Everett Tuthill is the sole use as a landing and not a launching place.

TI Foundation News:

South Ferry Cruise:

Co-Chair Hunt and Committee members reported on the cruise which happened on the June 7th rain date, preventing some people and permitting others to participate. Many new supporters joined veteran supporters on board the *North Haven* which cruised into Coecles Harbor and by Taylor's Island. Photos of the cruise will be posted on the website.

Annual August Affair:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that the date has been changed from Friday, August 15th to Saturday, August 9th due to the annual Chicken BBQ being August 16th. She further reported that Andrew Arkin, who rented Taylor's Island from Mr. Taylor's nephew, Stephen Stephano, from 1958 to 1980 is being celebrated for his stewardship of Taylor's Island and he'd like to have a clambake with lobsters. The Committee discussed what's involved in adding lobster to the bake.

TI Brochure:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that the brochure, approved by the Foundation, was shared with members of the Mashomack Coecles Harbor Association at their annual meeting. Subsequently Co-Chair Hunt received an email requesting "that the brochure also include a statement that the Island is only reachable by water and not by the private road."

The Committee discussed this request, and acknowledged that other documents, including the lease agreement between the Town and the Foundation, state that Taylor's Island is "primarily accessible by water." Co-Chair Hunt will follow-up on this request.

SISCA President Carolyn Willberg told Co-Chair Hunt she'd like to arrange an outing to Taylor's Island for about twelve of their members. Committee and Foundation members will help accommodate her request.

Ram Island Association Chair Sue Siegelbaum phoned Co-Chair Hunt with the date of their annual association meeting and asked if Co-Chair Hunt would like to be on the program following the discussion on the Ram's Head Inn. Co-Chair Hunt will ask to speak about Taylor's Island at a future meeting date instead.

New Business:

Solar panels:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that she spoke with a representative of GreenLogic Energy regarding on and off grid solar systems for Taylor's Island. Councilman Waddington announced that the Town has established a new Green Committee and that Co-Chair Hunt should consider speaking with them.

Fundraising Ideas:

Signs:

Councilman Brown suggested making wooden signs that say Taylor's Island similar in design to those available in local stores that have East End locations printed on them. The Committee discussed the idea and also mentioned the fish baluster as having a similar potential.

T-Shirts:

Councilman Brown introduced the idea of creating a Taylor's Island T-shirt design which the Committee discussed. Councilman Brown will follow-up with the particulars.

Suggested Uses of Taylor's Island:

The Committee reviewed a two page list of suggested future uses. The list was compiled from conversations, from responses of guests, who attend the yearly August fundraisers on Taylor's Island, to a clipboard passed around asking them to "Please contribute your suggestions, comments, and vision for Taylor's Island" and from kayakers and others who come ashore and tour the Smith-Taylor Cabin on docent days. The Committee read through the list, where some suggestions appear frequently, and commented on and discussed each line. Co-Chair Hunt took notes of the consensus to prepare a concise list. The necessity to limit the number of people at an event to 100 and to determine a limited number of yearly events were agreed upon. The Committee also noted that certain activities would require monitoring and others need the development of a suitable plan. Some suggestions were not considered because other Shelter Island or East End organizations provide similar resources.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 AM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle LiCausi

Clerk to the Committees