



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND  
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NEW YORK**

**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee  
January 18, 2011  
Town Hall  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Co-Chairs P.A.T. Hunt and Richie Surozenski, Barbara Clark, Keith Clark, Carol Galligan, Kathy Gooding and Town Board Liaison Ed Brown.

**Member Absent:** Michael Laspia

**Meeting called to order:** 9:03 AM

The December 14, 2010 Minutes were accepted by Co-Chair Richie Surozenski and seconded by Kathy Gooding.

**Old Business:**

**Grant:**

**NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:**

Laury Dowd, Kathy Gooding and Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt met with Traci Christian in Laury Dowd's office on Thursday, December 16. The packet of grant papers Co-Chair Hunt received from Traci Christian were copied and given to Kathy Gooding and Laury Dowd. Kathy Gooding and Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt met January 14 to review the papers in preparation for the contract which has to be set by February 12. Traci Christian also sent electronic copies of the required documentation and all, except the Opinion of Municipal Counsel which is to be completed by Laury Dowd who is on vacation until January 24, were completed and emailed to Traci by Co-Chair Hunt and Kathy Gooding. A revised budget, written by Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt and Kathy Gooding, was sent since the grant received, \$110,600, was less than the grant applied for, \$131,910, requiring an adjustment to the budget.

There was a discussion of the grant administration, whether it should be done here, rather than in Buffalo with the grant writer. A meeting with Theresa Montant to discuss going forward with her will be scheduled. Traci Christian encouraged the idea of monitoring the grant locally. This would also produce a savings of approximately \$10,000 in administration fees, money that could go into the work on the Smith-Taylor Cabin. There was general agreement that this would be the preferred plan.

**Bulkhead/Seawall repair/restoration:**

Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt phoned and left a message for Highway Superintendent Mark Ketcham to follow-up on placing the historic cement piece as a return on the west bulkhead and bringing the boulders out for the east bulkhead, and also to discuss going forward with Areas 5 and 6 of the DEC Permit, the kayak landing area and entry to the Island.

Co-Chair Richie Surozenski and Keith Clark reviewed the damage to the newest bulkhead from the recent storms. They reported that the north/northwest bulkhead is intact but that approximately 50 feet of the bulkhead's caps had blown off due to the wave/wind action and the abnormally high tide. Water came over the bulkhead washing away fill and beach grass plantings. The caps are still on the ground, under snow, making it difficult to assess the full extent of the damage. Water went over the north/northeast bulkhead also, but those caps stayed in place. Mark Ketcham will be contacted and asked if Stout Construction is responsible for the repairs to the bulkhead. This is not a big expense but the caps will have to be replaced with either longer nails or screws and new fill and plantings will have to be put in place.

**Financial Business—December 31, 2010:**

Co-Chair Hunt reported: New York Class Account balance is \$80,469.44; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account is \$4,640.11.

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

The boat has been taken out of the water. Where it will be docked in the spring has yet to be determined. Possible docks were discussed.

**Friday Night Dialogue, Tales of Taylor's Island, at the Shelter Island Library:**

Editing will have to be done on the tape for it to be broadcast-ready and shown on Channel 22. Unfortunately, the tape ran out before the presentation was over. Bridg Hunt will follow through when time allows.

**Coastal Barrier Zone Law:**

The Committee acknowledged that from what has appeared recently in the *Shelter Island Reporter*, another approach is planned for dealing with the Causeway so there is no concern, at this time, for a possible impact on Taylor's Island.

**New Business:**

**WMAC:**

Co-Chair P.A.T Hunt received a call on January 3 from Councilman Peter Reich, Town Board liaison to the WMAC. Peter was meeting with WMAC member, Al Loretto, and was calling to ask if Taylor's Island needed any additional sand, since some will be available from a current dredging project.

Co-Chair Richie Surozenski and Keith Clark felt that if the sand could be trucked straight from the job site, avoiding the middle step of removing it to town property, that it would be helpful in replacing the fill that was lost in the storm. They both felt that no wet sand should be pumped. Co-Chair Hunt to follow-up with Highway Superintendent Mark Ketcham.

**Suffolk Security:**

Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt shared an email she received from Paul Romanelli of Suffolk Security, expressing his possible interest in donating a fire/security system for the building, as well as a public web camera. Co-Chair Richie Surozenski questioned if there were any hidden costs, such as monthly fees. A discussion followed. It was decided that if there was no cost involved, such as monthly fees, that the security system would be accepted when the restoration is complete. Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt will reply, get more information and report back.

**Senator Gillibrand and Representative Bishop:**

Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt reported that Senator Gillibrand's office telephoned regarding a cultural arts forum, to be held on January 24 at the Patchogue Theatre regarding grant projects. Invitations have been offered but not yet received. Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt will follow up.

**Taylor's Island Foundation News:**

**Update on Website and facebook:**

For the month of December our website had 118 visits with 442 page views. To date Taylor's Island has 356 fans on facebook.

Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt received an email from someone who moved to the Island last year and wants to volunteer for Taylor's Island. He comes out every weekend from the city, looking for hands-on work.

**Boston Whaler:**

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the prominent placement of the photograph in the January 13, 2011 *Shelter Island Reporter* documenting Marian Browlie's gift to the Foundation.

Co-Chair Surozenski reported a list of recommended repairs and equipment for the boat and engine for safety and longevity. The Committee agreed that these recommendations should be forwarded to the Foundation for implementation. Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt will follow through.

**Boat Trailer:**

On Wednesday, December 22 Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt and Keith Clark picked up a new trailer and the boat was hauled out and taken to the Highway Barn for winterizing. Winter cover options are being explored.

**DAR:**

On Saturday, December 11 Jean Dickerson expressed an interest to Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt in having a DAR meeting on Taylor's Island and will plan the visit, perhaps with a picnic lunch.

**Rehearsal Dinner:**

Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt reported a request from a recently engaged Shelter Island couple to have their rehearsal dinner, for about 10 people, on Taylor's Island in late September.

**The next meeting date is scheduled for February 8.**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Galligan

Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee