



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
Tuesday, November 13, 2012
Town Hall
Minutes**

Members Present: Co-Chairs P.A.T. Hunt and Richie Surozenski, Barbara "Buzz" Clark, Keith Clark, and Carol Galligan

Members Excused: Kathy Gooding and Town Board Liaison Ed Brown

Member Absent: Mark Ketcham

Guests: Commissioner of Public Works Jay L. Card, Jr. and Robert Strada

Meeting called to order: 9:03 a.m.

A motion to accept the minutes of October 9, 2012 was made by Co-Chair Richie Surozenski and seconded by Keith Clark. The minutes were approved.

Old Business:

NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP Grant:

Co-Chair Hunt has been to the Cabin many times in the past month to meet with Robert Strada and his crew, who are working on the east bedroom with the architect's approved plans. Robert reports that the structure is "remarkably fluid," which is a good thing and has helped the building withstand hurricanes. The east bedroom, with new east and south walls, is now ready to be joined to the rest of the building. Pat noted that the room is now dry due to the change in the roof from flat to pitched.

Robert reports that Marcello Masonry has taken down the stone chimney in preparation for the thru flashing, cricket work and roofing.

The narrow vertical windows that exist in the tower are currently on the north and west walls. They were boarded up during the recent hurricane, but the window on the north wall is damaged and is most likely unusable. The window on the west wall is still usable. Robert expressed his concern that these windows are low to the roof line and can't be flashed properly to keep water away from the tower. He suggests taking the windows away from the north and west walls and replacing them on the south and east walls where more height is available and to discuss this with the NYS Historic Preservation Office.

Pat commented that she wouldn't want to lose the west and north windows. A discussion followed about aligning all four windows at the top and shortening the north and west windows so the flashing can be accommodated. Co-Chair Surozenski felt it would look better if they were uniform. No decision was reached.

The generator returned to the Island yesterday having been removed for Hurricane Sandy. Pat pointed out that the generator stops after a few hours of use, the battery goes dead because there's no battery charging system, which is an additional part. Two possible remedies were suggested: a solar charging unit for about \$100 or a waterproof internal unit that costs about \$110. Keith was against the solar charging unit, feeling it will not charge the battery adequately. Richie feels the additional charging unit should be purchased. This was agreed upon.

Pat called many Islanders asking about cedar or white/red oak logs, five of them that are about 15 feet long, 6-8" in diameter, for collar ties for the east bedroom. Some have begun to come in.

On Thursday, October 25 Project Architect Eric Hildebrandt met Robert out on the Island. The main cabin roof was examined. On the west wall of the tower there is a stretch of roof that is creating a valley and there should be a cricket there. This will be added. Plywood, even 3/8", on the original cabin roof was vetoed by the engineer because of the weight involved. The sheathing will be replaced as needed using the same material.

Robert asked about changing the May 1, 2013 deadline clause in the contract given the time they have lost because of the two recent storms. Pat stated that according to the contract, the date can be changed "by mutual agreement." Robert said he would send in a letter stipulating the days lost for the record.

DEC Permit – Area 6:

Jay Card reported that within the next ten days, he will be able to bring a crew to the Island to complete the work for Area 6.

Financial Business—October 31, 2012:

Co-Chair Hunt reported: as of October 31, 2012, the Chase Business High Yield Savings account balance is \$7,541.85 which includes interest of \$0.34. The funds from Mr. Taylor, previously held in the New York Class Account and totaling \$80,517, are now in the Town of Shelter Island's Cabin Restoration Project A 8510.408 Account.

2011/12 Budget and 2013 Budget:

Co-Chair Hunt shared an update to the 2012-2013 Budget, prepared by Kathy Gooding before she left on vacation. The \$3,500 for the flatbed trailer, 14 x 10, for transporting the lawn mower will be finalized at the December meeting.

Co-Chair Hunt also read Kathy Gooding's note regarding a phone call she received from Supervisor Jim Dougherty and Taylor's Island Committee Liaison Ed Brown regarding the NYSOPRHP Matching Grant funds of \$110,600 which was listed as revenue in the 2012 budget. Kathy informed Ed and Jim that none of the monies was either received or spent during the 2012 budget year. Hopefully all of the reimbursement money will be received during the 2013 budget year. There was some discussion as to how the money should be shown in the budget and if the corresponding expenses needed to be listed. Since the Town has our complete Grant Worksheet, delineating all our proposed grant expenses and sources of money, Kathy left the decision of how to best represent the revenues and expenditures in next year's budget up to them.

To date we have spent a total of \$108,079.03 which Kathy plans on submitting to NYS for 50% reimbursement at the beginning of December. The process should take 4 to 6 weeks.

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

Termite traps: Walter Ogar reported that of the 14 termite traps he installed, two are active. He's planning one more trip out to the Island and there will be an update at the next meeting.

Porch deck refinishing: Patrick of Wexford Flooring came out, measured, and said if there is good weather this fall, he would be able to do it or he'll be back in the spring.

Floating docks: they are by a neighbor's dock and not in any danger. We'll ask Costello Marine to put them back in the water when their barge is in Coecles Harbor. One end of the ramp is still in the water and needs to be put up onto the fixed dock before ice forms.

New Business:

Co-Chair Hunt shared an article, Hurricane Sandy twice as expensive as Irene by Ambrose Clancy that appeared online in the *Shelter Island Reporter* on November 8, 2012 stating Taylor's Island remediation work will cost about \$30,000 with FEMA paying 75% of the costs, NYS paying 12.5% and the Town paying 12.5%...which can come in the form of in-kind labor.

Jack Costello recommended using a mix of rocks, about 6-8", with sand, in the east/northeast bulkhead area where there's a scouring problem. The American Beach Grass held up pretty well by the north/northwest bulkhead.

Co-Chair Hunt mentioned the Town's Annual Holiday Buffet Lunch in December, the date to be announced.

Taylor's Island Foundation News:

Update on Website and facebook:

For the month of October our website had 263 visits with 809 page views. To date Taylor's Island has 419 fans on facebook.

Chase Community Giving:

On November 2, 2012 Co-Chair Hunt received an email saying the Taylor's Island Foundation will share equally in the \$2.5 million Early Acceptance grant and within the next month will receive a check in the amount of \$335.30.

House Flag/Burgee:

Linda Puls' idea of a design contest for a Taylor's Island house flag/burgee is still in process.

Essex Yacht Club:

Co-Chair Hunt received a call from the cruise director for the Essex Yacht Club to plan their return to Taylor's Island on Saturday, May 25, 2013.

Jim Bullock:

Jim Bullock recently contacted Barbara Clark having met her years ago when he visited Shelter Island and had lunch with Mr. Taylor's sister, Martha Stephano, and her daughter, Penny, in 1953. Mr. Bullock sent Tavoulares/Taylor genealogical materials, in print and on disc, including a photograph of the ship and a copy of the manifest listing Mr. Taylor's arrival at Ellis Island. These historical documents will be framed and displayed in the Smith-Taylor Cabin.

The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2012.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Galligan