



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND  
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee  
August 11, 2009  
Minutes**

**Members Present:** Co-Chair P.A.T. Hunt, Barbara Clark, Keith Clark and Town Liaison Councilman Ed Brown

**Members Excused:** Co-Chair Richie Surozenski, Michael Laspia

**Guests:** Kathleen Gooding

**Visitors:** Supervisor Jim Dougherty, Town Clerk Dorothy Ogar

**Meeting called to order:** 9:10 AM

Our guest, Kathy Gooding, who is interested in serving on the Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee, was introduced by Co-Chair Hunt.

The July 14, 2009 Minutes were accepted by Barbara Clark, seconded by Keith Clark.

**Old Business:**

**Grants:**

**NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP:**

Co-Chair Hunt attended the EPF HP Workshop on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 PM, at the Cold Spring Harbor Library. As a follow-up, on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> Co-Chair Hunt had a conference call with Office Manager Gary Rouleau and Grant Writer Tom Lajewski of J. O'Connell and Associates which resulted in a "To Do" list that Co-Chair Hunt is working on.

Co-Chair Hunt asked Keith Clark to lend his expertise in preparing the budget worksheet which includes existing conditions, proposed work, completion time (months from award), and construction cost estimates. Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Bob Bayley, F.M. Smith's grandson and an architect, regarding specifications and through referrals spoke with East Hampton architect, Bob Hefner, who is familiar with the Smith-Taylor Cabin and said once we get the grant, he'll help us with writing the specifications.

Each committee member received a copy of a public support letter, furnished by Grant Writer Tom Lajewski, and was asked to please return them with signatures.

The application deadline is Monday, September 14, 2009 and this year the Grant Writer will send a copy of the application to Co-Chair Hunt for our Committee's review before the application is sent to Traci Christian, Long Island Grants Program Representative.

**Bulkhead/Seawall repair/restoration and funding possibilities:**

The Committee's discussion included inviting Supervisor Jim Dougherty and Town Clerk Dorothy Ogar into the meeting for their input.

**Financial Business—July 31, 2009:**

Co-Chair Hunt reported:

NY Class Account balance is \$80,232.50; Chase Business High Yield Savings Account balance is \$3,925.39; General Fund is \$2,000.

Supervisor Dougherty sent a memo to all Committee Chairs regarding scheduling an appointment to discuss the 2010 budget. Co-Chair Hunt asked the Committee for their input on what they'd like to see in next year's budget. Keith Clark asked for emphasis on bulkhead repair.

**Update on Website:**

Co-Chair Hunt reported a total of 8,900 visitors and read an email received from the Foundation Page.

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

The generator is installed on a first class trailer on the Island. A 220 hot water heater is installed in the basement of the Cabin and two 110 electric outlets are now part of the shoreside electric panel. Committee members revisited repairing the plumbing and the foyer door, refinishing the porch deck, creating a landing box, checking out the mushroom anchor located inside the bulkhead and discussed refrigeration, propane and electric. Co-Chair Hunt reported that the July 15<sup>th</sup> retest of the water for iron had good results which were sent to the Suffolk County Health Department.

**Update on NYS Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Cabinet:**

Co-Chair Hunt also received a copy of the letter Supervisor Dougherty received from the NYS DEC regarding Taylor's Island Seawall Repair stating, "With regard to Cabinet ID#EE090309201, based on information you provided, DEC staff have been unable to identify any funding available for your project under the Recovery Act or programs at this agency."

A copy of the DEC's letter was given to Assemblyman Marc Alessi when Barbara Clark and P.A.T. Hunt visited with him on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Taylor's Island was initially listed under both Parks and DEC; Co-Chair Hunt will pursue the possibility of being re-listed with Parks.

**TNC/TIP&MC/TIF Trip to Taylor's Island:**

A Mashomack Preserve and Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee and Taylor's Island Foundation trip by land to Taylor's Island is scheduled for Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30 AM. People interested in visiting Taylor's Island will meet at Mashomack's Visitor's Center. Cindy Belt sent a press release to the *Shelter Island Reporter*.

**Coecles Harbor Marine Water Trail:**

No update on the draft of this brochure.

### **Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee:**

Kathy Gooding's interest in serving on our Committee was warmly received by the members present. Co-Chair Hunt offered to go with Kathy to the Town Clerk's office after the meeting to take care of the formalities.

### **New Business:**

#### **Visit with Assemblyman Marc Alessi:**

On Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> Barbara Clark and P.A.T. Hunt went to meet Assemblyman Marc Alessi at his Wading River office. The meeting was also attended by Marc's Aide, Stephanie, and included a showing of the Smith Cabin Signature Quilt, the Smith-Taylor Cabin Historic Structure Report, and the All About Andrew Arkin event photobook. Assemblyman Alessi and Stephanie both expressed their thanks for our preservation efforts and for the opportunity to become familiar with this project.

#### **Shelter Island Comprehensive Plan:**

On August 10<sup>th</sup> Co-Chair Hunt spoke with Don Kornrumpf, Chairman of the Shelter Island Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, after reviewing the plan on the Town's website. The NYSOPRHP EPF HP Workshop facilitator recommended grant applicants take a look at their Town's Master Plan and see how their historic preservation property is represented. Taylor's Island is currently listed under Action Point 24 (S-1)—Survey Town's historic assets, Rating: 2C, Observation #3 on page 39 of 117 and reads as follows:

3. The NYS and National Registers list: Haven House, Union Chapel, Quinipet, SI Heights and Taylor's Island

Co-Chair Hunt and Chairman Kornrumpf went through the action points and found additional places where Taylor's Island could be included (list attached).

#### **Profile piece in the *Shelter Island Reporter*:**

Carol Galligan wrote a profile piece on Co-Chair Hunt and Taylor's Island that appeared in the August 6<sup>th</sup> *Shelter Island Reporter*.

#### **Shelter Island Recreation Department:**

On July 6<sup>th</sup> Co-Chair Hunt phoned and spoke with Garth Griffin of the Town's Recreation Department regarding Taylor's Island as an activity for people to enjoy. Garth said he would follow-up on the suggestion.

### **TI Foundation News:**

#### **Boat/Mooring:**

Committee members thought the end of season might also be a good time to find a boat, motor, and stake and pulley mooring materials. Co-Chair Hunt to follow-up.

#### **August 1<sup>st</sup> 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Event:**

Foundation member Julie Ben-Susan attended and along with other guests and the caterer gave a great review.

#### **August 8<sup>th</sup> Kettle Clambake Fundraiser:**

Dedicated volunteers, ideal weather, full house of veteran attendees and new guests, plenty of shuttle boats, as well as kayaks, great food and luscious lemonade, music of the 30s and 40s, what's not to like!

Congressman Tim Bishop's scheduler phoned Co-Chair Hunt and almost had him as one of our guests.

**Raffle:**

The Shelter Island Country Club gift certificate for nine holes of golf with cart for two people with dinner for two at Uncle Buck's was won by Harriet Reilly O'Halloran. A one year lease with Captain Ed Clark, Jr.'s Hen Bufflehead Decoy was won by Sharon and Jeffrey Gibbs. A gift certificate for two tickets to next year's Taylor's Island Kettle Clambake, on August 14, 2010, was won by Maurice "Tut" Tuttle.

**Docent Days:**

Co-Chair Hunt said the docent days continue sporadically. People are certainly enjoying the Smith-Taylor Cabin tours and the grounds of Taylor's Island when they dingy ashore from the Town's anchorage or pull up a kayak to picnic, geocache, take a respite from the Coecles Harbor Marine Water Trail.

**Overnight guests at the Smith-Taylor Cabin:**

Co-Chair Hunt reported that nine Girl Scouts and two of their leaders spent Wednesday night, August 5<sup>th</sup>, out on Taylor's Island.

**Outdoor camping requests:**

Co-Chair Hunt passed around copies of the Town Code 36-11 Camping and 133-16 Tent camps, and mentioned the lack of an outdoor sanitary facility, in her response to requests for camping out on Taylor's Island.

**Website:**

The redesign and expansion of the website continues at a slow pace.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:35 AM.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

P.A.T. Hunt, Co-Chair  
Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee