



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND  
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee  
February 11, 2014  
Town Hall  
Minutes**

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

**Members Excused:** Barbara "Buzz" Clark and Mark Ketcham

**Guests:** Commissioner of Public Works Jay Card, Jim Polychron, TIF, Christine Lewis, Town Board

**Meeting called to order:** 9:00 AM

A motion to accept the minutes of January 13, 2014, was made by Keith Clark and seconded by Co-Chair Richie Surozenski. The minutes were accepted.

**Old Business:**

**NYSOPR&HP EPF/HP Grant:**

**Window/Door Restoration:**

**Hardware:** Jay reported Terry McCabe of Riverhead Building provided the springs which Robert has and will install.

**Faux logs:** Jay said Robert Strada will install them on the south bedroom, and be paid on a per diem basis.

**Chimney cap:** Co-Chair Hunt said on Thursday, January 16 Marcello Masonry brought the chimney cap out to the Island along with machinery to install it. The machine could not reach out as far as the chimney. A lull is needed for the installation. Pat will follow-up.

**Lumber:** Jay reported the wood (flooring, paneling, and trim) for the interior of the Cabin, has arrived and will be transported out to the Island.

The Committee will coordinate a visit by the Town Board to see the Cabin restoration once the snow melts. Meanwhile, Kathy will present a power point presentation at today's Town Board Work Session.

**Financial Business—January 31, 2013:**

Co-Chair Hunt reported: as of January 31, 2013, the Chase Business High Yield Savings account balance is \$8,178.45 which includes \$0.34 in interest.

**Final paperwork for the second reimbursement from NYSOPRHP:**

Kathy, Pat, and Committee Liaison Ed Brown met with Supervisor Dougherty on Wednesday, February 5 and reviewed the Committee's memo and financial information itemizing the final accounting of the matching grant. Town Board members will also receive this paperwork before the Town Board Work Session on Tuesday, February 11.

Pat submitted estimates for work to be paid from the 2013 budget to the Town Clerk's Office from Anderson Plumbing for materials, Wexford Flooring for interior cabin floor refinishing, and Costello Marine for fixed dock work. Pat completed the forms to encumber the money.

Pat and Kathy reviewed the worksheet and made some minor changes which resulted in the \$7,805.75 becoming \$11,615.51, which was returned to the General Fund. Kathy pointed out that the recently ordered supplies and Robert's work would be paid for with those monies.

Our Committee requested the second reimbursement from NYS, in the amount of \$30,922.85, be deposited in the Taylor's Island Chase Business High Yield Savings Account held by the Town.

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

Pat picked up a new building permit, since the old one expired, and brought it out to the Cabin.

A paint/stain product we might consider is being used by Pat's family so we'll have firsthand experience of it when we go to make a choice.

Pat obtained prices for renting local storage containers. The Committee felt buying one would be more economical. Both Jay and TIF member Alfred Kilb recommended buying a large one, 8 x 40, which Jay said we could keep at the recycling center. Pat will get two additional quotes for the same size container. The container would be paid for from our 2014 Equipment budget. If, in the future, we have the shed we'd like, the container could be offered to the Highway Department. There was discussion of how waterproof the container would be, and also of materials rusting inside due to condensation since the container wouldn't be heated. Keith made a motion to buy a container, which was seconded by Kathy and passed by the Committee except for Richie.

Discussion followed about non-profits being able to share their equipment resources, table and chairs, etc. rather than duplicating.

Richie reported that the registration paperwork for the pick-up truck is in process. Pat put a spiral notebook and pen in the cab for recording use and mileage. Additional keys need to be made.

Pat phoned Dave Mcgayhey regarding electric work but hasn't heard back from him yet.

Keith worked up a list of things to be done inside the Cabin. The Foundation would like to use contractor Jason Shields who did the porch deck and porch roof work in 2006 and 2007. The Committee agreed with this plan. Work will begin in March.

Pat brought up the subject of gutters which were part of the architect's plan for the Cabin. Keith advised against them.

Pat mentioned she spoke with Brian Westervelt who reminded her he has small cedar logs for the Cabin, which the Committee thought would most likely work for the porch railings.

Pat shared propane fireplace insert brochures she picked up at a local fireplace store for future consideration for the Cabin's hearth.

**New Business:**

***Shelter Island Reporter:***

Pat accompanied reporter Julie Lane on a visit to the Smith-Taylor Cabin on Thursday, January 30. Julie expressed an interest in doing an update on the restoration. Her article, *Smith-Taylor Cabin, an Island treasure, nears completion* appeared electronically on Wednesday, February 5 and in print on Thursday, February 6, 2014.

***The City Dark:***

Pat watched this film about light pollution at the SI Library and recommended Committee members take a look at it as follow-up to the suggestion of running an electric line out to the Cabin.

**Taylor's Island Foundation News:**

**Update on Website and facebook:**

For the month of January our website had 149 visits with 584 page views. To date Taylor's Island has 482 likes on facebook.

**Cabin Flag/Burgee Project:**

The Cabin burgee is in process.

**Brochure:**

The Cabin brochure is in process.

**Boy Scout Troop #39 (Mattituck):**

An Assistant Scout Master emailed regarding overnight camping on the Island in June. Pat phoned and spoke with him about what's involved. He'll be back in touch regarding a date.

**Club Sea Ray:**

This Club, who first visited last summer, wanted to return the weekend of our Kettle Clambake Fundraiser. For future planning they were told we always schedule our event the second Saturday in August.

**Stonington Harbor YC/Tri-Club Cruise w/Ram Island YC (Mystic) and Watch Hill YC:**

The Cruise Chair emailed with an interest in using the Cabin in July or August. Pat phoned and spoke with him regarding possible dates, fees and responsibilities for him to share at a meeting.

**Earthcache:**

Pat shared information from an email and telephone conversation with a woman interested in posting an earthcache entry for Taylor's Island.

**Inquiry regarding Mr. Taylor's ancestry:**

Pat shared an email asking for information on Mr. Taylor possibly being related to Nicholas Kyriakides, with whom there seems to be a family connection with the son-in-law of the person writing the email.

**The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014. The May meeting date is changed from May 13 to May 20.**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Galligan