



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
August 12, 2014
Town Hall
Minutes**

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

Guests: James Dougherty

Meeting called to order: 9:07 AM

The minutes were reviewed and approved. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Co-Chair Richie Surozenski and seconded by Keith Clark.

Old Business:

New Windows: On July 23, Hank Wikman, Reilly Windows and Doors Service Manager and two crew members came to the Island and serviced all the windows. On July 29, the exterior window trim was installed by a RW&D crew of three.

Faux logs: Jason Shields will return, now that the windows are complete with the additional casing and sill nosing, to install the drip cap and the faux logs on the south bedroom.

Tower: No update, since there has been little rain. Pat did consult with Jason about the leak. The weathervane was stuck in one position and is now working. Jay has emailed Robert Strada about the problem. Keith mentioned the need to replace the tongue and groove tower door and Pat agreed. Keith states that if a storm comes from the east, water will come through the door if left in its current condition.

Chimney: The stain on the left side of the roof interior by the fireplace, caused by a leak, needs to be addressed. Project Architect Eric Hildebrandt wondered if snow accumulation may have been the cause.

Crawl space hatch: Jason will follow through with an estimate for a hatch with a vent and a bolt that can be locked, per Keith and Richie's suggestions.

Crawl space window: Richie put a screen in the window, but the window itself is still missing.

Keys: Pat reported that when she picked up the keys, she also picked up a new cylinder which will be installed at a later date.

Mechanicals:

Electric: Dave Mcgayhey returned and put in the outlets, switches and boxes needed.

Plumbing: There are new toilets and seats in the main bathroom and half bath.

Floors: Wexford Flooring's crew came and put at least two coats of urethane on the floor of the half bath. Patrick doesn't do walls, so the bathroom walls were not done. He will return and do the east bedroom floor, tower foyer, main cabin floor (after a repair), cabin foyer, and south bedroom, as well as the porch deck.

Kitchen and Full Bathroom: With reference to the windows and whether to replace the double hungs, Pat commented that when the Smith Family descendants visited, one of them, who is an architect, recommended against changing them to casement windows. In relation to the metal kitchen cabinets and replacing them, Pat mentioned we have original wooden panels and they might be used for cabinets matching what's under and across from the sink.

Porch railings: Pat commented that they'll be installed once the porch deck is refinished. There are a few cedar logs underneath the porch deck on the west side which Richie will remove.

Doors: The four east bedroom doors need to be sanded and painted.

Ship's Wheel: Steve reported the wheel he thought was a good buy turned out not to be. He has several more ideas and will follow through in the search.

Financial Business--July 31, 2014 Bank Statement:

Co-Chair Hunt reported: as of July 31, 2014, the Chase Business High Yield Savings Account balance is \$8,439.41, which includes interest of \$0.21.

Deposit of second reimbursement from the NYSOPRHP: Town Board Liaison Ed Brown followed up with the Town's accountants regarding moving the unencumbered reimbursement received from the NYSOPRHP matching grant from the Town's General Fund to the Chase Business High Yield Savings Account for Taylor's Island held by the Town. Pat also had two telephone conversations with the accountant. Supervisor Jim Dougherty visited and informed the Committee that the Town accountants signed off on the funds being transferred to the Chase Business High Yield Savings Account and that a vote would be taken later that day at the Town Board Work Session. The Committee agreed that several members from the Committee and Foundation would attend.

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

Pick-up Truck: The truck is still parked at the Town Highway Barn.

Invasives: The Japanese Knotweed is still appearing, but will be mowed down repeatedly.

New Business:

Senator Ken LaValle: Pat reported that the Senator visited Taylor's Island towards the end of the Kettle Clambake and was given a tour of the Cabin. Senator LaValle told Pat he wanted to give Taylor's Island money and mentioned the amount of \$25,000 for further capital improvement. According to Supervisor Jim Dougherty, he and Senator LaValle spoke later that day about Taylor's Island.

Smith Family Reunion: Thirty-one members of the Smith Family visited Shelter Island, some of them for the first time. Fifteen of them were transported to the Cabin on Monday, July 28, by Committee and Foundation members. The family experienced the visit with great excitement and great pleasure.

Taylor's Island Foundation News:

Update on Website and Facebook: For the month of July our website had 400 visits with 1,449 page views. To date, Taylor's Island has 498 likes on Facebook.

Updated Brochure: Now that the kettle clambake is over, work can resume on the brochure.

Kettle Clambake Fundraiser: Keith reported that some of the shuttle boats are not appropriate for the passengers who are either elderly or infirm. He suggested we arrange for their passage by renting a launch, one with railings. Keith also noted that the wait times were too long and suggested we stress people come on their own. Shelter Island Kayak Tours contact information is included on the kettle clambake poster.

Taylor's Island Docent Tours: Pat reported that the docent tours are listed under weekly events in the *Shelter Island Reporter* and asked members to lend a hand or recruit someone for a few hours, especially on weekends.

Long Island Paddlers: This group, of potentially 5-25 people, is planning a kayak trip and picnic lunch on Taylor's Island on Saturday, September 13. Carol offered to be a docent.

Boy Scout Troops: Pat has been in touch with the groups who contacted her and told them they are welcome to kayak to the Island, have a picnic lunch and docent tour. She stressed that Taylor's Island is an historic site and not a campground and offered alternate camping possibilities for these large groups.

The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:22 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Galligan