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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
December 8, 2015
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, Town Board Liaison Ed Brown.

Guests: Jay Card

Meeting called to order: 9:13 AM

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Kathy Gooding and seconded by Keith Clark; the minutes were approved.

In addition, since this was Ed Brown's final meeting with the Committee as the Liaison from the Town Board, he was thanked warmly for his period of service. There was no information as to who his replacement would be.

Old Business:

Cabin Interior and Exterior

New Windows: The new windows have been installed and painted; the half-log siding on the exterior kitchen and bathroom walls is now complete.

Chimney: As yet, Thoroseal has been neither purchased nor applied. Pat will purchase.

Repointing Fireplace: Matt Labrozzi is planning on finishing the repointing, both above the mantle and by the big rock on the bottom right side.

Gas Fireplace: R. H. Peterson Real-Fyre Classic Coastal Driftwood Log Set has been purchased and installed. The Committee discussed and decided the connection should be redone, coming up from within the fireplace. Matt and Alfred Kilb have the necessary tools and will drill the hole, with the final install work to be done by Piccozzi's.

Stain and paint: The staining is complete on the new log siding. There are a couple of places on the new windows where the cinnamon paint needs to be applied, in the spring.

Interior bathroom and kitchen: Jason Shields gutted the bathroom and most of the kitchen. On Monday, December 7 Dave Mcgayhey was out to look at installing electric for both rooms, as well as for the ship's wheel chandelier in the main Cabin. A cast iron clawfoot tub has not yet been found. Pat has looked, with input from Will Anderson, at a number of websites, none yet found to be satisfactory, particularly price. The Committee agrees it is important that the tub be cast in the USA. The search continues, understanding that a refurbished tub would be acceptable. Both eBay and WLNG's Swap and Shop will be tried.

Porch deck and railings: A couple of additional porch deck repairs are necessary, as well as the installation of the railings.

Generator: Pat passed around a proposed contract for generator maintenance from the company the Town uses. Jay believes we, too, should use their services. The company would go out to Taylor's Island, at the rate of \$245 each visit, plus parts, for two visits a year. Keith believes that once the restoration work is complete, one maintenance visit a year would be sufficient. Committee members agreed that Pat should sign the contract and return it to Debbie Speeches.

Financial Business:

October 30, 2015 Bank Statements:

Co-Chair Hunt reported that as of October 30, 2015, the Chase Public Funds Commercial MMDA balance is \$39,787.24, which includes interest of \$0.33; as of October 30, 2015, the Bridgehampton National Bank Premier MMA balance is \$12,219.07 with interest of \$.30.

November 30, 2015 Bank Statements: Co-Chair Hunt reported that as of November 30, 2015, the Chase Public Funds Commercial MMDA balance is \$39,872.16, which includes two dividend checks, totaling \$84.60, as well as interest of \$0.32; the Bridgehampton National Bank Premier MMA balance is \$12,219.38 with interest of \$.31.

SAM Funding from Senator Ken LaValle: Pat emailed Sarah Antonacci of DASNY on November 16 and her reply was that there's no new news, they haven't heard back from the Legislature.

NYSOPR&HP Hurricane Sandy Grant: Pat shared her November email correspondence with Stacey Mattson-Zuvic about a possible site visit to Shelter Island when Stacey was going to be in Greenport. Stacey decided to work out another date and will be back in touch.

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

Generator Bunk House: Richie reported that Mary Wilson will be following up today and Richie will report back to the Committee.

Truck: The truck engine light is back on and needs to be checked.

Ship's Wheel: Light fixtures are still being sought; Richie is following through. Keith has some possible sources for brass fixtures and everyone agrees that this is the way to go, if possible. The opinion is that fewer bulbs are needed, perhaps five rather than nine would be preferable, decreasing the amount of weight needing to be supported.

Utility Trailer: The paperwork for the trailer is complete.

Well Pump and Cabin: The plumbing has been winterized. Buzz mentioned that the pump and tank should be covered, protected from the elements. The Committee discussed and decided that was a good idea and Jay said he'd check with his crew to install a cover.

Rose of Sharon: The Committee talked about removing vegetation close to the walls of the Cabin.

Basement: Richie suggested the basement be emptied. Jay volunteered to send a dump truck to help with any cleanup. In addition, Pat shared Jason's recommendation about venting the crawl space with a vent in a new crawl space door and on the opposite side using hardware cloth where a window is missing.

Tower Door: The tower door needs to be covered with plastic on the inside for the winter and the door replaced in the spring.

New Business:

On Thursday, October 15 George Hammarth, who took over Chuck Hamilton's post, and three other NYSDEC officials, Chris Arfsten, Ms. Jackie Pasquinni and Eric Starr, met with Town Officials and Committee Members at the Highway Barn to discuss projects. When the discussion came around to Taylor's Island, the acronym LWRP, which stands for Local Waterfront Revitalization Program came up and Peter Reich said he's in favor of it. George cautioned Peter about the LWRP, saying you need to advocate for what the community wants. Eric also emphasized that point.

Town Holiday Party: The Town Party is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, and probably at noon, if like past years.

Tables: Richie got 16 five foot round tables from St. Gabriel's. They are now stacked on the trailer and need somewhere to be stored. Richie will check with Mary Ellen Mcgayhey in an effort to find an appropriate place. In addition, he thinks we should buy chairs so that in the future we have our own.

Funding: Carol reported hearing news of the David Lyon Gardiner Foundation having \$500,000 available for local historical projects; Pat will follow through. Ed mentioned the Town has a new grantwriter.

Table: Kathy reported having a marble topped table, roughly 30" x 24", that she received from a friend who is willing to donate it to the Cabin. She passed photos of it around and the Committee agreed it would be appropriate. She will deliver it to the Cabin.

Taylor's Island Foundation News:

Update on Website and facebook: For the month of October, Taylor's Island had 227 visits and 730 page views. For the month of November, there were 228 visits and 461 page views. To date, Taylor's Island had 608 likes on facebook.

2016 Kettle Clambake: Pat heard an acoustic trio she thought would be a good choice for next year's event. She will follow through.

Plein Air Painters: The artists and others hung the exhibit on October 29 and there was a formal opening on Wednesday, November 18. Pat reported there was a great spirit in the room and about 20 people were there to enjoy the exhibit. A second reception will be held on Wednesday, December 23 at 2 PM to include artists who weren't able to attend in November.

Builders of Small Watercraft Rendezvous on Taylor's Island: Pat shared an idea of gathering small boatbuilders together on Taylor's Island, along with their boats, kayaks, and canoes that came about in a conversation with Drew Fetherston. Everyone agreed that it seemed a plan worth pursuing.

Bathroom and Kitchen Plans: Pat passed out drawings Jason created of the bathroom and kitchen floor plans for the Committee to consider with the proposed changes, replacing the metal shower with the tub and metal kitchen cabinets with wooden ones, matching what's underneath the sink and across from the door.

The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2015. Despite members' travel plans, a quorum is expected.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:16 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Galligan