



**TOWN OF SHELTER ISLAND
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**Taylor's Island Preservation and Management Committee
July 10, 2012
Town Hall
Minutes**

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

Member Excused: Mark Ketcham

Guests: Julie Ben-Susan, Jay Card, Laury Dowd, Alfred Kilb, Dorothy Ogar, Harriet Reilly O'Halloran, Charlie and Linda Puls

Meeting called to order: 9:04 a.m.

A motion to accept the revised minutes of June 12, 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 reported two trips to Taylor's Island with potential bidders, one on June 18 with Bruce Taplin who picked up the masonry bid packet and another on June 20 with Colin Hoogerwerf of Shelter Island Design and Build and four of the five members of his team. Colin's visit was facilitated by Peter Veilbig and the Shelter Island Police boat, both Peter and Police Chief Read were thanked for their assistance.

The list of potential bidders, created by Town Clerk Dorothy Ogar, received follow-up phone calls from Pat regarding the time and place to carpool for the pre-bid site inspection. Ten potential bidders attended on Friday, June 22, along with Architect Andre Tchelistcheff. An addendum to the specifications was created stating which windows were to be replaced with new and which windows were to be restored. The three companies the Town received bids from include NorthStar Construction, who bid on everything but windows and doors, J.P. Hunter, Inc., who bid solely on roofing and Strada-Baxter Design/Build, who bid on everything but masonry and painting.

A motion was made to enter into executive session to discuss the bid offers which received an unanimous vote. An additional meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 9 AM, to further discuss the Committee's recommendation to the Town Board.

Pat ordered the necessary sign from the Eastern New York Correctional Facility and it will be shipped to the Town Highway Department and billed to the Town Clerk's Office.

Kathy Gooding reported that Traci Christian, NYSOPRHP, Long Island Region, informed her of the rates for volunteer work, so she has various rates that we can use for claims, including generator use, dump truck use, etc. as well as for donated hours.

Bulkhead/Seawall repair/restoration:

The prickly pear cactuses, Pat reported, were ablaze with yellow blooms. She will post photos on the web site.

The East end of Area One is showing some seepage of fill which might be remedied with sand bags, as Costello Marine once suggested. At the West end of Area Four, there's a small crack where fill is seeping. Something is needed to fill that small space. Other than these two small areas, all else seems in excellent shape.

Area 6 is all that's left of the DEC Permit which expires November 20, 2013. The Committee agreed to do that repair, the entrance from the causeway onto the Island, after the Cabin restoration work.

Financial Business—June 30, 2012:

Co-Chair Hunt reported: as of June 30, 2012, the New York Class Account balance is \$80,515.13 which includes interest of \$2.46; the Chase Business High Yield Savings Account balance is \$7,416.50 which includes interest of \$0.29.

2012 Budget:

An invoice from East End Pest Control for fourteen termite traps was given to the Town Clerk's Office yesterday. Walter Ogar is only charging for the traps/equipment and not for his labor.

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

Co-Chair Surozenski continues to mow the invasives. Co-Chair Hunt suggested a small enclosed trailer for the protection/storage of the new mower on the Island that could be brought out in the Spring, locked, and taken away in the Fall.

Michael Laspia may want the remaining old floating dock.

The Boston Whaler was moved from the Congdon Road Town Dock on June 27 and is now on the stake and pulley mooring at Captain Bob's Landing.

The Committee decided the new flag pole would not be brought out until after the restoration is completed. Richie put a new flag on the existing pole.

New Business:

Councilman Reich's email regarding Wi-Fi equipment:

Co-Chair Hunt shared email correspondence from Councilman Peter Reich sent on June 17 to Co-Chair Hunt about the possibility of Taylor's Island for the equipment for expanding Optimum Wi-Fi coverage. The equipment is described as "extremely small." Pat has requested additional information as to size and location. She has not yet heard back. Since there is no electricity on the Island, presumably it would have to be on the mainland area of Taylor's Island.

Jean O'Connell, Town of Shelter Island's Grantwriter:

Jean O'Connell met with Co-Chair Hunt and Kathy Gooding on Thursday, June 28 to discuss the progress of the NYSOPRHP Grant and how she might help Taylor's Island with future grants. Possibilities include signage and renewable energy, solar/wind.

Taylor's Island Foundation News:

Update on Website and facebook:

For the month of June our website had 245 visits with 820 page views. To date Taylor's Island has 418 fans on facebook.

Kettle Clambake:

Co-Chair Hunt passed around this year's event poster designed by Louise O'Regan Clark of Shelter Island Graphics incorporating the NYSOPRHP logo used again this year with their permission and the artwork from Andre Tchelistcheff Architects.

The paperwork which includes a Use Agreement and a Certificate of Insurance is complete between the Taylor's Island Foundation and the Passionists for the use of St. Gabriel's Retreat House property.

Shelter Island School:

On Friday, June 15 Kathy Gooding and Pat Hunt greeted the sixth grade students and their three teacher chaperones who kayaked to Taylor's Island for a tour of the Smith-Taylor Cabin and a picnic lunch.

Father's Day Paddle:

On Sunday, June 17 the Taylor's Island Foundation and Shelter Island Kayak's Father's Day paddle to Taylor's Island and tour of the Smith-Taylor Cabin included 13 people.

Linda Hynes, Watercolorist:

On Tuesday, June 26 Pat met Linda Hynes and her husband and took them out to Taylor's Island. Linda showed Pat a picture on her phone of the Smith-Taylor Cabin painting, which is almost done. The Foundation will receive the Cabin portrait, as well as prints on watercolor paper and note cards, when Linda returns to Shelter Island on Tuesday, July 17.

Shelter Island Library Trip:

The Library's second annual trip to Taylor's Island and tour of the Smith-Taylor Cabin, scheduled for tomorrow, July 11, is full, and a waiting list is being kept.

Rehearsal Barbecue:

A wedding rehearsal barbecue is scheduled for Friday, June 20.

Chase Community Giving:

A volunteer nominated the Taylor's Island Foundation for this community giving program which includes two grant possibilities.

House Flag/Burgee:

Linda Puls took her idea for a Taylor's Island house flag and boat burgee contest and wrote up a proposal. Pat will begin publicizing it at the Kettle Clambake. Carol Galligan suggested telling Julie Lane of the *Shelter Island Reporter* about the idea.

Swim from Taylor's Island to Burns Road:

On July 3 Pat received a phone call from Ron Adler proposing a fundraising idea of a swim from Taylor's Island to Burns Road. Ron followed up his call with a proposal Pat

shared with Committee members. The proposed swim fundraiser will be considered for next year and additional information gathered.

The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Galligan